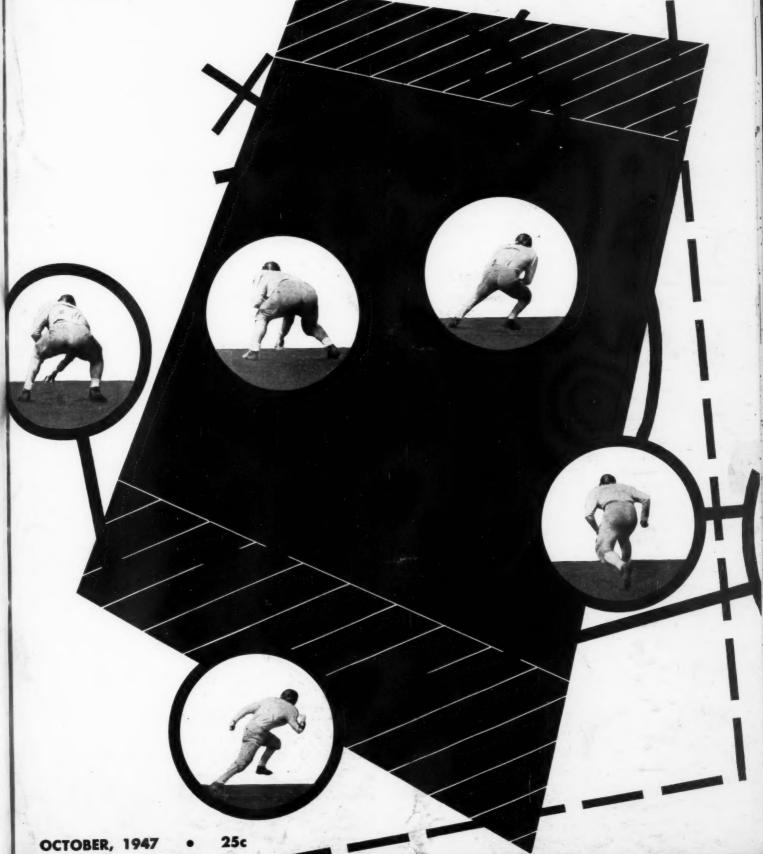
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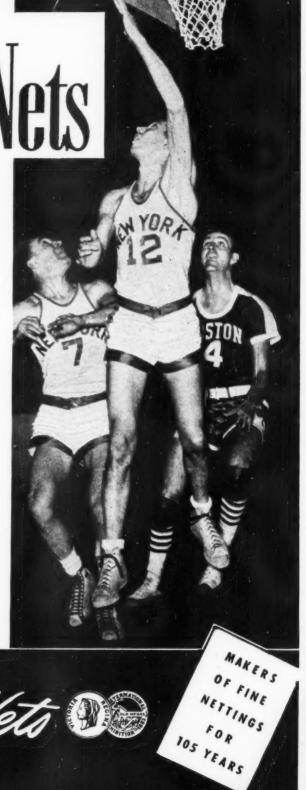
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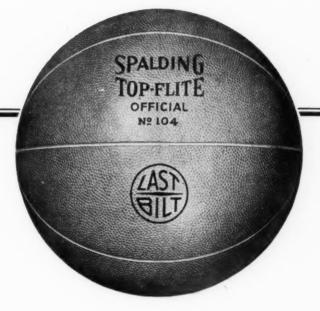
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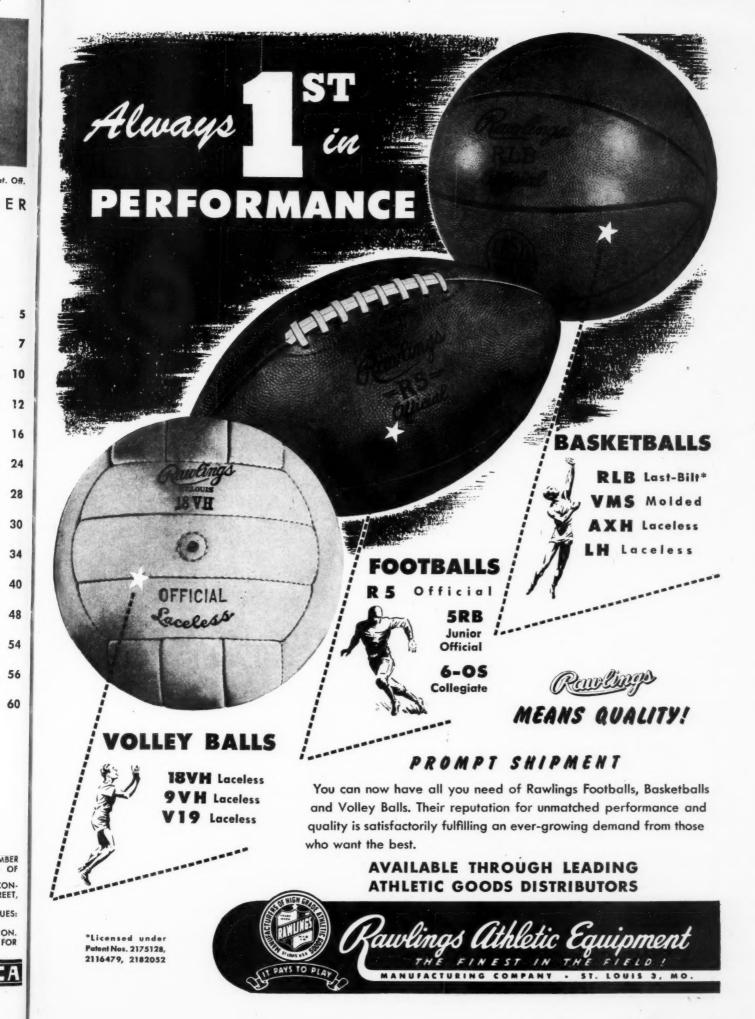
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That upright line stance

WAY back in the paleolithic age of football—about 1938—when the T formation was just a mischievous gleam in Mr. Halas's baby blue eyes, we spent a perfectly good summer traipsing from coaching school to coaching school.

We visited at least ten o and x factories and met hundreds of buffalo-shouldered coaches. But one fellow kept popping up wherever we roamed. It got to the point where we began looking for him under beds and behind shower curtains.

This fellow, although just a young line coach at Fordham University, had a lecture itinerary fuller than a Jane Russell sweater.

The guy was good—no question about it. He expounded his theories clearly and exhaustively. And after he had submarined his way into the clear, he was never permitted to escape. The bloodhounds would encircle the poor fellow and yelp question after question at him. All of which he would answer in his slow, thoughtful manner.

THAT'S how we became acquainted with Frank Leahy. We were not the only ones Frank impressed that summer. Carl Snavely was another.

Out of these chance meetings, Frank got his two big breaks in life. First, an offer to write an article for Scholastic Coach. Second—and probably a little more important—the head coach job at Boston College, thanks to a recommendation by Snavely.

While Leahy football today is particularly esteemed for its offensive properties, the theory of his that intrigued us most eight years ago pertained to the lineman's stance.

Up until then, so far as we know, most coaches cherished the low, coiled, offensive stance. They taught their boys to deploy themselves close to the ground with the tail just over the heels, and then release like a spring.

From a kinesiological standpoint, this apparently made sense—although no pseudo-scientific esthete had ever written a master's thesis on it.

But Leahy had another idea, which we had him espouse in his article for us in September 1939. We quote the master:

"The stance shown in the pictures (posed for by Frank's aide, Joe McArdle) could be called orthodox. A glance at the position of the tail, however, will show that it isn't.

"Whereas in an orthodox stance, a player will line up with his tail low and close to his heels, the guard in the picture has his shoulders and tail on the same line.

"It seems a waste of time to set up a man with his seat around the heels when you consider the fact that his tail must come up when charging straight or pulling out. The boy can make his initial move much more expeditiously when he starts from the high tail position."

WHY exhume this morsel at this late date? Well, because it might have been the kick-off of a new trend in line play. Our coaches now appear to be thinking along these lines.

The latest wrinkle is an *upright* offensive line. Cliff Battles is using it this season with his Brooklyn Dodgers (All-America Conference).

The em-Battled Dodger linemen stand with their hands on knees, exactly like the halfbacks in the T formation. This plan of Battle purportedly permits greater relaxation, easier breathing, superior analysis of defensive weaknesses, and a faster charge.

We won't attempt to reverseblock the first three advantages. But about the faster charge, we wonder. Until Professor Thomas K. Cureton, the tests and measurements impresario, sics his battery of infernal machines on the matter, we'll stand by the Leahy modus operandi as offering the quickest, most effective charge.

As evidence—a shade on the flimsy side perhaps—we cite the example of track sprinters. Why do they get down for their start? Obviously because the crouch position

affords the speediest start possible.

Whether the upright stance proves sound or not, however, Mr. Battles rates on oak cluster for fathering such a brainchild. Experimentation is the lifeblood of modern football, and anyone contributing to the stream merits the gratitude of the coaching fraternity.

One other thought: If the upright stance ever supersedes the crouch, watch out for elevator football shoes. "They'll make your short men taller by half."

HIT OF THE YEAR

BY the time these cameos of wisdom are dumped into your weary laps, the world series will have been laid to rest and the only reminder of the hectic baseball season will be the merry jingle of gold eagles in the club owners' pockets.

To our way of thinking, the most epochal highlight of the year was not the record-shattering attendance, the Cardinal-Dodger race to the wire, the long-ball hitting of the Giants, or the attack on the homerun record by Johnny Mize and Ralph Kiner.

It was just the simple act of a Negro playing in the big leagues—the first Negro ever to do so.

No player in baseball history ever carried the load on his shoulders that Jackie Robinson toted this season. Prejudice, precedent, rookie pressure—all conspired against his every move. But Jackie fielded every bad hop flawlessly.

For our dough, he was not only the rookie of the year but baseball's man of the year.

Another gentleman who rates a loud locomotive (with nine rahs) is Branch Rickey, Dodger president. It was Branch who belted the color line over the fence by signing up Jackie.

A lot of harsh things have been said about Mr. Rickey's passion for collecting green treasury notes. But even his worst enemy will admit that Mr. R. can recognize talent.

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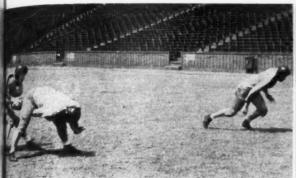
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BY LYLE C. MARTIN





IN THE

Hands of the Receivers



T'S a late Friday afternoon. Your team is trailing by a few points, and time is rapidly running out. Your club has the ball. A sudden shifting of a defensive halfback leaves a wonderful opening for a forward pass and a possible winning touchdown.

Quickly your mind runs over your forward pass repertoire. Alas, not one of your set plays sends a receiver into the unprotected spot! The opportunity passes. The final gun barks and another game is lost.

To avoid such predicaments in the future, you need a wide-open passing attack which can hit every spot on the field with any of three receivers—the two ends and wingback.

Impossible, you say? You can't teach that many pass plays and get everything else done? This may have been true under the old system of forward passing based on a set pattern of cutting. While 20 or 30 set pass plays could cover the field, it made for a rigid and stereotyped passing system—a system easily scouted and easily defended against.

A modern passing game should show a great many variations, clever deception, and fluidity of attack. A quarterback should be able to send any of his eligible receivers into any unprotected area.

A wide-open passing attack such as this demands a great number of cutting patterns, which must be run in different combinations in order to develop the necessary deception and make it difficult to defend against.

At Claremont, we base our passing attack on a special vocabulary







Down and Out: As the center hands the ball back to the quarter, the end breaks straight down the field toward the defensive half on his side. At the propitious moment, he head fakes inside (third picture), coming down on his right foot. He then sharply changes direction and cuts for the sideline. The ball is delivered perfectly. The end takes it about head high on his inside, with his body completely protecting the ball from the defensive secondary. This is a tough pass to intercept.

for receivers. All our ends and backs are taught certain words for the different patterns they are to run.

For example, on a *Stop* pass (**Diag. 1**), the receiver runs directly downfield eight yards, comes to a dead stop, and awaits the ball.

This pattern is designated hereafter in the players' vocabulary as a *Stop* pass. Whenever a *Stop* is called after that, the receiver knows he must run directly downfield and come to a stop eight yards beyond the line of scrimmage.

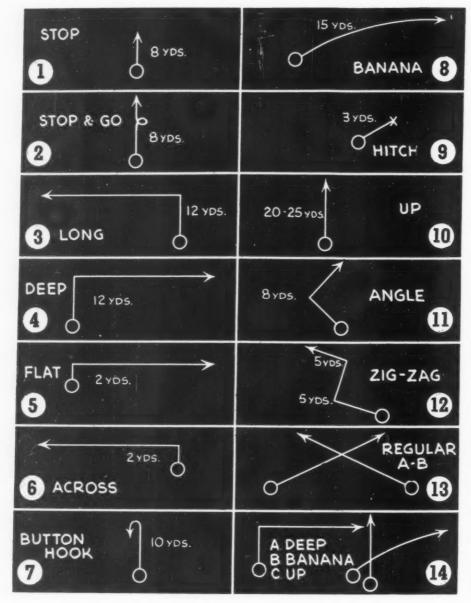
To make the signal calling still easier, the left end is labeled "A," the right end "B," and the wingback "C." The quarterback might thus call a pass play in this manner: "A" Stop, "B" Stop, "C" Stop. That means all three receivers must proceed directly downfield and come to a stop eight yards beyond the scrimmage line.

To add variety to the patterns, the signal might well be "A" Stop, "B" Stop and Go, "C" Long. The left end ("A") would stop eight yards out; the right end ("B") would stop momentarily eight yards out, pivot, and break fast downfield (Diag. 2); while the wingback ("C") would go downfield 12 yards and cut at a right angle to the left (Diag. 3).

A tremendous number of variations are possible under this system. These three patterns alone make possible 27 different pass plays.

Ten other basic patterns are shown in Diags. 4-13. Mathematically these 13 combinations comprise over 2,000 different pass plays. Yet the players are required to learn only 13 different ideas.

Diag. 5 (Flat): The receiver advances two yards downfield, then



BUTTONHOOK

The end starts at top speed. After 5 to 10 strides, he comes to a sudden stop and wheels sharply to face the passer. The ball is delivered fast, head high. Note how the receiver keeps his hands up from the moment he starts pivoting — enabling him to reach for the ball instantly. This pass is perhaps the surest aerial gainer extant. The pro teams make extensive use of it.

runs parallel to the line of scrimmage.

Diag. 6 (Across): The receiver advances two yards, then crosses sharply to his left.

Diag. 7 (Button-Hook): The receiver advances 10 yards directly downfield, pivots and comes back toward the passer two yards. The idea is to take the pass in front of the defensive half.

Diag. 8 (Banana): The receiver

runs like the curve in a banana, with the passer leading him to the outside of the projected curve.

Diag. 9 (Hitch): Used to set up a lateral pass play. The receiver advances at an angle for about three yards, stops, turns, and faces the passer. He receives a fast toss, then quickly shovels a lateral to a teammate.

Diag. 10 (Up): The receiver runs directly downfield 20 to 25 yards behind the last defensive man.

Diag. 11 (Angle): The receiver advances at an angle for eight yards, then reverses his field to cut in behind the defensive half.

Diag. 12 (Zig-Zag): The check pattern for the Angle. The runner cuts toward the center of the field for five yards, then cuts back five yards. As he turns to cut back again, the ball should be waiting for him.

Diag. 13 (Regular "A-B" Pass): The left end and the right end cross eight yards at an angle directly over the center. This is a particularly effective pass against a 6-2-2-1 defense.

If you employ the T rather than the single wing, the man-in-motion can be labeled "C" instead of the wingback. A smart quarterback can, by carefully checking the defense, fully exploit every weakness.

When these patterns are employed in proper combinations, it is possible to use two receivers as decoys for a third.

For example, the quarterback might handle the defensive left half with this signal: "A" Deep, "B" Banana, "C" Up. The wingback ("C") draws the half downfield, while the right end ("B") swings through his territory.

If the half leaves the wingback to cover the right end, he is again pulled out of normal defensive position, and the left end ("A"), after a slight delay due to the right angle turn, may cut over and take a pass in the territory left open (Diag. 14).

During the early season and spring practice, it is essential for













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all the receivers to run each basic play the same way every time. In a *Deep* play (Diag. 4), for instance, the receiver must always run directly downfield for 12 yards, then cut at a sharp 90-degree angle to the right across the field.

That means every receiver must go the full 12 yards and make a square turn. Don't accept 10 yards and a rounded turn. This will destroy the full effectiveness of the system and make it more difficult for your passer to hit the man with the ball.

Daily drill for ends and backs is mandatory for timing. This constant review tends to implant these 13 basic maneuvers much more sharply than, say, an old-fashioned "81" pass play. At least that has been my experience.

Other basic patterns might well be added to this group, or you might limit your first season to five or six "word" pass plays. It is so simple that boys of high school age take to it readily.

It won't be long before your quarterback will be surprising you with novel combinations of the basic plays. However, start him out right by putting together several different patterns to show him the unlimited possibilities of the system.

When that inevitable Friday afternoon rolls around again, and you see that weak spot open up in the defense, and your newly trained quarterback calls the proper pass play to take advantage of it, and the right end scampers for the winning touchdown, you'll say to yourself, "That's using your head youngster! Call 'em where they ain't!"

In closing I would like to iterate a few thoughts on pass receiving that appear in Dana X. Bible's new book, *Championship Football* (Prentice Hall Inc.):

Some boys can catch a football better than others. Speed and good hands are essential. But all receivers can improve themselves with practice and proper technique.

1. Catch the ball with both hands, rather than against the body.

2. Be as relaxed as possible when taking the ball.

3. Never take your eyes off the ball after it is thrown. If it is necessary to change direction, pivot so as to keep the ball in sight.

4. If running away from the ball, take it with thumbs out. If running at a square angle to the ball's path, take it with thumbs in, unless it is a low pass. If taking the ball while facing the passer, catch a high ball with thumbs in, a low ball with thumbs out.

5. In catching the ball always have the hands in front of the body if possible.

The receiver frequently encounters trouble on the line of scrimmage. Opposing linemen may attempt to shove him backward or jam him in. Then one of the line backers may work on him.

To elude a lineman attempting to hold him up, the end or wing-

back may (1) fake with head and shoulder in one direction, go another; (2) fake a block on the lineman, drop low and quickly move in or out; (3) pivot on the line of scrimmage and move out and around the hold-up artist.

He should not offer a broadside to the defense; rather he should turn sidewise and slip or slice through.

A pivot or quick direction change should free the receiver from the line-backer.

The end will find it easier to go out if he widens the split between him and his adjacent teammate. He must not form a habit, however, of taking his position only on pass plays; the opponents would quickly recognize it as a tip-off.

Observance of these details, together with the passing scheme previously outlined, will pay off in extra touchdowns.

Lyle C. Martin, football and track coach at Claremont (Calif.) High School, presents a unique method of building a forward pass attack, which he borrowed from the pros and simplified for high school boys.







FAKE BUTTONHOOK

The end takes a few strides downfield, pivots and comes back in approved buttonhook fashion. He puts in a hand fake (sixth picture) for additional effect—a move calculated to bring the half in post haste. As the secondary rushes in, the end shoves off with his right foot and runs straight downfield as fast as he can. The passer usually leads him with a soft high throw. This pass is particularly effective when sprung after a few real buttonhooks.













Cutback: The tailback receives the snap with a nice lead, as he cross-steps with his left foot. He then steps right, left and right. Note this last step (third picture in second row). The weight has come down on the right (outside) foot, preparatory to the change of direction. As the back shoves off, he props

QUNNING in the open field is an art—not just a foot race between a ball-carrier and a tackler. In addition to being able to move fast, the ball-carrier must know how to handle the ball, where to run, and how to evade would-be tacklers.

One of the more important prerequisites is split vision; that is, the ability to take in the field as a whole. A player may have all the other qualifications of a fine ballcarrier, but unless he possesses the ability to size up the entire picture at a glance, he will seldom realize on his potentialities.

The development of this faculty calls for constant practice in the classroom, on the street, and on the field. A young player can, by constantly attempting to locate objects out of his direct line of vision, learn to absorb the picture as a whole rather than just the object in his direct line of vision.

The ball-carrier in the open should not concentrate on one objective at a time. He should employ split vision to size up the entire situation and set up a running pattern. For example, while stiff-arming a tackler, he can determine the distribution of the other defensive men and thus make it easier to pick his way down the field.

FAKE BY POINTING

He can fake effectively by appearing to point toward the goal line, thereby encouraging the tackler to intercept him at a point along his course rather than maintain a safe angle on him.

The simulated pointing action also helps him in reversing his field or changing pace. The action invariably sets up a commitment by the defensive man that will be to the advantage of the runner.

The details involved in ball-carrying should be practiced every day. They may be worked out first on the field apparatus to develop the proper technique and the rhythmic cross-steps and pivots so essential in good broken-field running.

As a start, the backs may be run through a series of boxes or tires with a ball under their arm and with stress on a high knee action.

Once the boys have learned to run straightaway, a few features may be added, such as changing the ball and running with the head. up, avoiding the common tendency to look at the feet.

Next in order is to change the arrangement of the tires to allow for a cross-step effect. To instill confidence, start the boys at half speed without the ball. After a degree of confidence has been attained, you may add the ball and accelerate the running.

The next logical step is to adjust the tires so that the cross-step may be combined with the straightaway running. The ball should always be carried in this drill to familiarize the player with the technique of switching it from arm to arm.

If tires are used, the pivot step may be introduced at this point. This is sometimes called the spinning step. The back, if spinning away from a tackler to his right, spins on the ball of his right foot, lands on his left, and continues through the tires using the cross-step and the straightaway running with the knees up high.

The spinning step is especially valuable when breaking through the line with defensive men blocking the way.

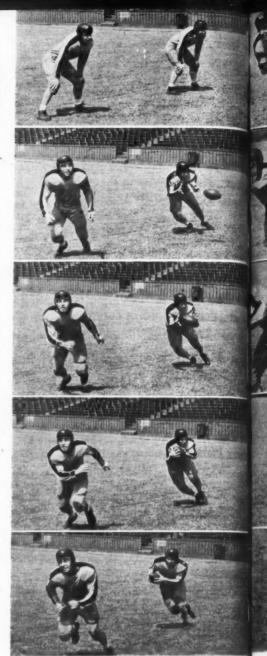
After the back has learned the different steps, proceed to the two-man charging sled for a course on the stiff arm in combination with the cross-step, limp leg, and spinning step.

In combining the stiff arm with the different evading stunts, stress the importance of keeping the ball tucked away in a manner that permits the most effective use of the stiff arm. To obtain the maximum effect, the arm should be locked at the elbow with the heel of the hand contacting the helmet.

Have your backs line up facing the charging sled. Then run them through the steps they have learned on the tires in the same order these steps were learned, adding the stiff arm. Make sure to emphasize the correct carriage of the ball under the outside arm.

The first step we use is the cross-step, which is the easiest and most natural of all. The stiff arm is aimed at the padded vertical surfaces of the sled.

If the take-off is to the right, the left leg is cross over the right. This technique, when employed in conjunction with the locked elbow, the heel-of-the-hand contact, and the jab or short-arm shiver, tends



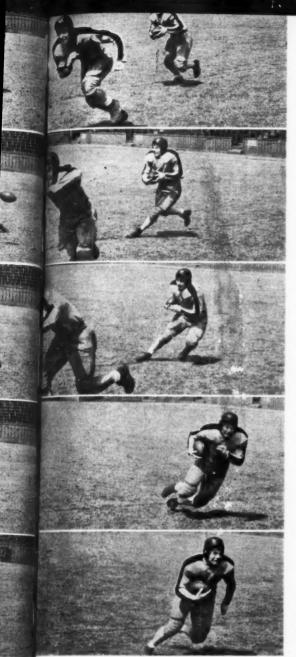
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to throw the ball-carrier away from the defensive man.

The second drill embraces the use of the limp leg and the employment of weight on the opponent. The back advances on the sled, places a stiff arm on the vertical standard, and, if going to the right, takes off on his left foot and lands on his right.

The take-off is executed simultaneously with the contact of the stiff arm. While in air, the take-off leg is shifted behind and becomes limp. The principle involved is to give the tackler a leg or target and then take it away from him. The defensive man's drive should carry the back away from danger.

The change of pace is a very effective weapon for the open-field



he OPEN FIELD

By RONALD E. KNAPP

Ronald E. Knapp, backfield coach at Dickinson College, offers a drill program for developing the art of broken-field running.

runner. Some men acquire the knack rather easily; others never quite grasp the essential rhythm.

The change of pace may be practiced on the sled by assuming the sled is a potential tackler, who has the angle on the runner. The runner approaches the tackler at three-quarters speed, then cross-steps away at full speed. If employed correctly, the maneuver will tend to throw the defensive man off stride and off the correct tackling angle.

With an adequate stiff arm and stimulated running, a back can pick the ball under his outside arm and drives hard off the outside foot. All these movements are performed in one swift synchronized motion. The actual cutback must be executed quickly and suddenly before the opponents can fully realize the play is not an end run. The back drives into the line very hard.

up 10 or 15 extra yards, and sometimes break away completely. It is of vital importance, when taking the initial step, to fake well with the eyes and hips. Every fake should be made with the idea of convincing the tackler that the movement is authentic. A great deal of practice is required for this.

For close-line play, the backs maybe taught the pivot step with the shoulder establishing contact. A back charging into the line finds the way completely blocked. After a few short, choppy, driving steps with the feet spread, he pivots on the outside foot, using the obstruction as a post, and tries to go around.

A good way to work up to livecontact situations is to practice on the sled first, with the back hitting the vertical padded area with the shoulder. The follow-through with short, choppy steps follows, then the pivot on the outside foot away from the sled. Always have the back practice this with a ball under his arm.

STIFF ARM

Another skill to work on is the pivot step combined with the stiff arm. The technique employed is the same insofar as footwork is concerned, but this time the stiff arm is applied to the padded area of the sled with a jab effect to aid the runner in pivoting away.

At this point, it is a good idea to expose the ball-carrier to actual open-field situations. Linemen or backs may be placed in vertical lines with about 10 yards separating each man. The ball-carrier then tries to run in and out of the tacklers, using the various techniques he has learned in the same order they were learned.

To complete the gradual transition to an actual-game situation, the back should go through the maze twice at half speed, with the tacklers remaining passive. After the trial runs, the tacklers should try to establish contact. All tackling and running should meet the standards set up by the coach.

The next step in the teaching progression is to illustrate the proper methods of following interference or picking up interferers after they have released from initial assignments in the line. To take full advantage of his downfield blockers, the back should know who these blockers are and where they are coming from, so that he can look for them and plot his course accordingly.

The charging sled may again be pressed into service as a practice device. Have the ball-carrier follow a blocker toward the padded uprights of the sled, then break according to the way the block is thrown. If the blocker's head and body are placed between the blocking surface and the carrier, the back should break to the outside.

After a few tries to familiarize the ball-carrier with the proper direction to take, he may be instructed to insert a cross-step to set up the imaginary tackler for the blocker. The ball change and the ege fake are essential components of this drill.

When the time comes to expose the blockers and the ball-carriers to contact work, the squad may be set up in three lines—one line having all the defensive men, the second having the blockers, and the third composed of the carriers. The line of tacklers sets up between two ten-yard stripes, with the other lines facing them.

A ball-carrier starts running, picks up a blocker, and both advance on the tackler. The blocker hits the tackler and the runner cuts away. After a man has had a turn in one line, he moves in clock-wise fashion to the next line.

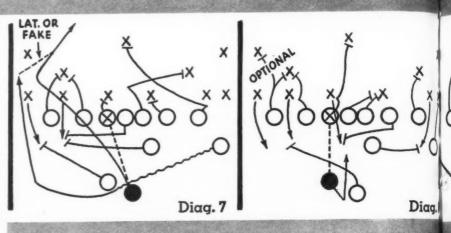
With a little conscientious endeavor, a straight-away runner can learn these stunts and thus become much more effective in the open field. In other words, he will be able to play much harder to get.

When carrying the ball in the open, the back should firmly clamp it under the outside arm—the arm away from the majority of the opponents. One point of the ball should be kept under the arm pit; the other in the palm of the hand.

On plays through the line, the ball should be carried against the stomach with both hands around it. The ball may be tucked under one arm once the back clears the line.

Ball-carriers should also form the habit of always keeping both hands on the ball when thrown to the ground. Many boys remove one hand to absorb the shock of the fall. They lose consciousness of the ball, and thus permit it to squirt out of their hands time and again.

The Junging "A"



By JOHNNIE GOLDEN

THE Swinging A, which by any other name, would still be a single wing, is sound enough and different enough to be of special interest to the single-wing-minded high school or college coach.

The formation derives its name from its main purpose in life—to swing the defense into line with the backfield strength, which is generally determined by a wingback who is often in motion.

The formation then hits at the weak spots with a unique spinning pattern which catapults the backs into unsuspected gaps.

The Swinging A features a semispread line similar to the N. Y. Giants' famous A. We differ slightly in the line spacings, however, and our blocker and fullback positions have been altered slightly to meet our own play ideas.

Our line is always unbalanced to the right, regardless of the direction of the run. Our backs, however, run from both sides. When they shift left, the fullback moves up to a position in front of the tailback.

Thanks to our line spread, we find the opposing lines deploying a lot wider. This aids our trap plays, permits better blocking angles on backers-up, and enables us to release men downfield rather than pull them.

Coming from the huddle, our linemen position themselves on the scrimmage line with hands on knees. They drop to a tripod position at the quarterback's "Set!"; then move out on a certain count.

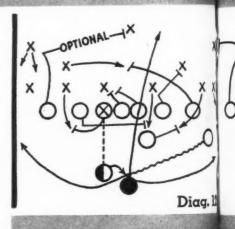
Our blocker, who is the heavyduty back, is allowed to cheat right or left to meet changing situations.

Our regular formation is outlined in **Diag. 1.** Our line arrangement is as follows, starting with the left end and continuing to the right:

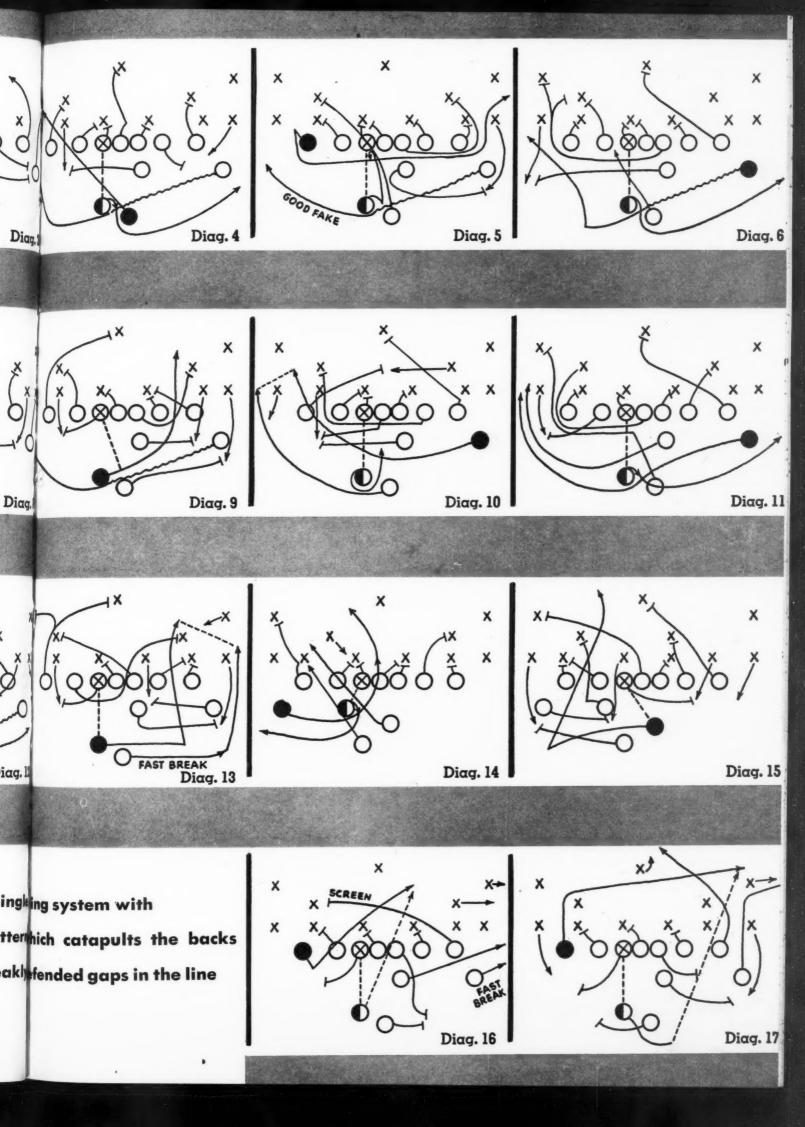
Best offensive blocking end, second fastest guard, center, best lineman (tackle), ice-wagon tackle, fastest guard, second best end.

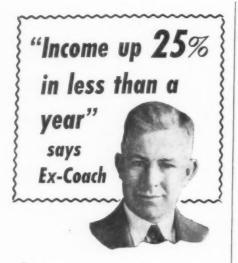
Diag. 2 shows our left formation. As you can see, our line positions do not change.

Diag. 3—Standard Pass Protection. Against 7-man line, fullback takes short-side end. Against 6-man



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line, No. 2 back may go out for pass while fullback takes strong-side end.

Diag. 4-Tackle Trap. Tailback spins, fakes to wing, and hands off to full. Tail then continues wide to right as though he has ball. Full, once across scrimmage line, breaks to left. If defensive half comes up. he laterals to wingback.

From this cycle, tailback can fake to both wing and full, pass to wing in flat, bootleg to right, pull end around, or reverse to wing-with few changes in line assignments.

Diag. 5-End Around. One of our best plays. It even fools officials. After spinning and faking to wing. tailback slides right with full to line of scrimmage. He fakes ball to full, then, as he hits line, lays ball on right side of his rump.

Left end, who has faked lunge at defensive end, comes across and takes ball off rump. Blocking back starts to left and comes back on end. Tail has two hands on ball as he fakes feed to full. Does not swing ball back or it will come into line of defensive vision.

Using practically same movements, tail may slide to line, fake ball to full, jump in air, and pitch flat pass to wing, who makes deliberate poor fake. Left end now goes down to decoy right half.

Diag. 6-Wingback Reverse Outside. If end crashes, play goes outside. If he drifts, wingback cuts sharply inside and then out (as shown). Blocker works on end accordingly. He can cheat a bit if it will help. Tailback spins, fakes to full, hands off to wing, and continues his own fake to outside.

Diag. 7-Fullback Smash to Weak Side. Play starts with wing in motion. Just as he crosses between tail and full, ball is snapped directly to full, who drives over trapped tackle.

Again, as in other traps, if defensive right half comes up for tackle, full can lateral to wing. Ball is snapped one count later than in other motion plays to permit wing to get through.

Diag. 8-Fake Pass Run Up Center. Our best play and ground gainer, used on passing down. Tail steps back one step, raises arm to pass, and smashes up between guards. Center puts half-hearted block on defensive right guard to keep him from feeling the trap.

Diag. 9-Tailback Spin No. 3 Hole. Using motion, we hit back to undershifted side of opponents' line. No fake here; ball is snapped directly to tail. With few changes, we can hit any hole to right or swing wide around end.

Diag. 10-Wingback Reverse In-

side. We run this play without motion into sideline, never to wide side of field. Play depends on ballhandling. Tailback makes complete spin and lays ball on right rump, same as in end around. Tail has ball in back of him when it is reversed to wing. If blocker can handle trap alone, we release extra man down-

Diag. 11—End Puzzler. Again, no motion and ball may be given to any one of three backs. Defensive end must determine which wave contains ball-carrier. While he's making up his mind, our inside tackle pulls out to add to his miseries.

Diag. 12-Guard Trap Right. Here we trap the defensive left guard. We use the play with motion to set up the next play, where we trap same guard from outside, with wing doing trapping.

Diag. 13 - Wingback Trap on Guard. We run this one from both sides. Center can handle tackle as shown or take him with sliding block on scrimmage line. Tackle generally comes to him through gap left by pulling guard.

Diag. 14-Inside Reverse. From this left formation, blocking back fakes to tail and full, who pass on inside and outside. Blocker then slips ball to wing. Or, he may give to either full or tail, keep himself and follow through.

Another option of blocker is to fake to all three men and toss deep lateral to right end coming around.

Diag. 15-Cutback from left formation with wing trapping defensive right guard from outside. Right end gives defensive tackle a jolt before going downfield, and center delivers half-hearted block at guard in order not to tip off play.

The next six diagrams outline our basic pass plays.

Diag. 16. Hurried pass to left end who starts as though on end around, then races into unprotected backerup territory. Offensive right end screens other backer by jumping into air and faking catch.

Diag. 17. If left end will go downfield 12 yards into territory vacated by defensive left half, pass will work all day.

Diag. 18. Play starts like offtackle run. Left end button-hooks in front of backer-up and pass goes to blocker in flat. Blocker brushes defensive left end with fake block on way out.

Diag. 19. Passer watches defensive right half, who generally goes to outside with No. 2 back.

Diag. 20. Backer-up will find it almost impossible to cover wing

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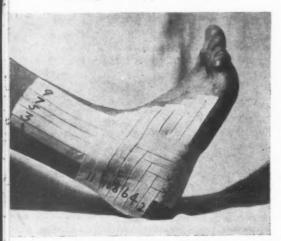
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WHILE modern techniques in coaching and conditioning have drastically reduced the incidence of serious injuries in body-contact sports, the big problem of our coaches and trainers still remains—and that is the so-called "common" or minor injury.

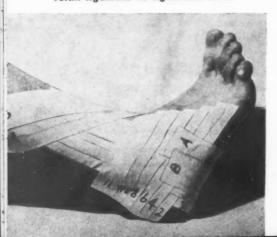
When a player feels good, is physically fit, knows how to play, and plays hard, he is seldom injured. But when he is trying to protect a minor injury or is troubled with an old one, he is apt to reinjure the part.

A knowledge of supportive and protective bandages is vital in treating the injured part and preventing strain in weakened tissues.

This is as important to the coach as his knowledge of the game itself. Many a fine performer has been sidelined for months because of inadequate support to a joint.



Ankle, Basket-Weave Strapping: Foot is held at right angle to leg and slightly everted. Identification of torn ligaments is important because strapping must be applied with foot in a position that will relax ligament or ligaments torn.



To the coach with a small squad or inadequate reserves, an injury to one of the "starting" men almost always leads to an unsuccessful season.

On the other hand an injured joint, when well-supported, will not only brace the part and enable the player to compete, but will also decrease the healing time of the damaged tissues and prevent atrophy or wasting of muscle.

Many new types of supportive bandages have been added to the training-room equipment.

The regular zinc oxide plaster is probably the oldest type of adhesive bandage and support made. Until about 1898, the only form of adhesive plaster was the original yellow-colored variety which had to be warmed over an oven before being applied to any part.

At present there are a number of adhesive bandages. Among the more frequently used are:

1. Regular Adhesive Tape: This contains a mixture of india rubber combined with burgundy pitch, gum resins and waxes with fillers such as orris root and zinc oxide. The mixing of the mass is carried out by pressure and friction without the aid of heat.

These mixtures, when spread on linen, result in an adhesive surface on the cloth. This type of tape comes in either a white or flesh color—the color of the tape having no other value than to hide a bandage.

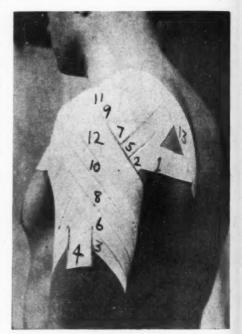
2. Water-Proof Adhesive: The adhesive qualities are the same as for the regular adhesive. This has a shiny shellacked outer cloth surface that prevents water from penetrating and interfering with the tackiness of the type.

It is not very satisfactory for daily use because it is stiff, rather difficult to apply and will not adhere very closely, especially over pointed or irregular surfaces.

3. Reinforced (Husky) Adhesive: This again is a regular type of adhesive, but with a reinforced cloth backing. It is used to strengthen regular bandages, keep supports in place or repair torn uniforms or padding.



Shoulder Dislocation: Apply beginning straps so that there is a pull on the head of the humerus upward and inward. Completed strapping is shown in picture below.



This type of bandage is not recommended for taping of ankles, knees or other joints. It is bulky, unwieldy and hard to tear.

4. Adhering Gauze: This is a white surgical gauze possessing the property of adhering only to itself. It will not adhere to the skin, hair or clothing and yet will stick to itself.

It has a definite advantage over regular adhesive in giving support or keeping padding in place during situations where there is moisture, dirt or grease on the part needing support.

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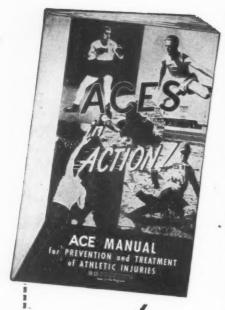
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Ribs: Attachments start on far side of sternum or abdomen and insert on far side of spine. Ends of adhesive are lower than seat of injury in front and higher in back. When applying tape, have player stand with arms raised overhead and instruct him to exhale while the strips are applied.

A disadvantage, however, is that it does not have the strength or rigidity of adhesive especially needed for support in contact sports.

5. Elastic Bandage: The elastic bandage is different from gauze and rubber bandages. Although it can be stretched to nearly twice its length, it contains no rubber. The stretch is in the special weave of the long fibre, cotton threads.

This type of bandage gives a snug, firm pressure without the discomfort of rubber. It can be used as a preventive or supportive wrapping for ankles, knees, elbows, and shoulders. Probably its most effective use is in reducing swelling in and around the knee joint.

Although this bandage will provide support and tension, it still is not adequate enough for good support to pulled muscles or torn ligaments in a chronic weak injury. Another disadvantage is the cost of the bandage and the necessity of careful washing in order to preserve its elasticity.

6. Elastic Adhesive Bandage: This is the usual elastic type bandage, uniformly spread with an adhesive plaster mass of a rubber-zinc oxide type.

This wrap is most useful in knee and thigh bandaging. It can be ap-



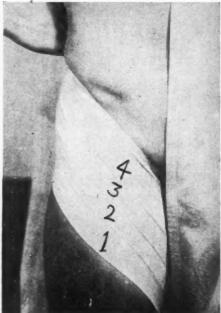
plied snugly and kept in place for several days without loosening.

In the large muscle groups of the thigh, for the so-called "charlie horse" type injury when hemorrhage is present, the adhesive qualities of the bandage will hold it in place and its elasticity will permit a tight but not uncomfortable compression of the part. In knee injuries it will prevent or diffuse swelling in the joint.

Its chief disadvantage lies in its high cost and in the fact that it can only be used once.

Adhesive plaster is used extensively in surgical cases to keep dressings and splints in place on various parts of the body and to afford support and uniform pressure. It immobolizes the part to se-





Low Back Strain (left): Patient in lying position; care is taken that straps are pulled tightly before being anchored and that anchorage is to bone. Groin (right): A good, simple supportive strapping for a muscle tear in the region of the groin.



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One of its greatest values rests in its use as a protective covering for short periods of time. The edges of small wounds can be brought together, while small blisters, certain skin lesions and some wounds can be covered and protected from contamination.

The most essential and logical requirements in many forms of injury are protection and compression, and no appliance in medicine provides this so adequately as adhesive plaster. Proper compression is one of the most efficient means of preventing the accumulation of fluid that follows injuries to joints.

Direct application of the plaster also produces increased circulation in the skin which contributes to the defense of tissues against infection. It may also serve to support dilated veins, thereby preventing venous stasis, improving the circulation, and increasing muscular tone.

Adhesive strapping may be applied for the purpose of immobilization of a part, to permit more rapid healing, and to alleviate discomfort by the moderate fixation of soft tissues such as muscles, ligaments, fascia, and tendons. These structures can be held in normal or corrective positions which permit only limited movement.

In protecting injured joints, the purpose of adhesive is to prevent component structures of the joint from exceeding normal physiological limits and to provide gentle compression. The relief from pain is often immediate, when adhesive is properly applied. If there is no relief or if the pain increases, it may mean that the strapping was applied in a faulty manner.

Adhesion of the plaster directly to the skin sets up a mild natural massage which assists in restoring normal function. The zinc oxide component of the plaster tends to soften calloused parts such as corns.

Tennis Elbow: An 11-strap job that furnishes protection and support by limiting the extension of the arm. While the adhesive is being applied, the athlete should keep his elbow in a slightly flexed position, as shown here.

Thumb Support: A simple modified-figure-8type strapping for a weakness or dislocation of the thumb. The thumb should be held a little away from the other fingers while the three strips are being applied by the trainer.



The part of the body to which the strapping will be applied must be placed in an over-corrected position so that the injured tissues are not under tension or strain. This position must be maintained throughout the procedure. The strapping will be insecure and loose if placed over clothing or bandages.

A question often raised is whether it is necessary to shave hairy surfaces before applying adhesive plaster.

Bilik stated, "Short or moderately long fine hairs, if not too numerous, actually aid in better fixation of the adhesive. At times it is unwise to shave such parts because of the frequency with which severe irritation or infection of hair follicles results."

Thick growths of long hair should be removed both because they interfere with proper adhesion of the tape and because of the difficulty in removing the tape without causing considerable discomfort.

The soap used in shaving, and the natural oils of the skin, should be removed with ether or alcohol to prevent poor adhesion of the plaster. A powdered skin also provides a poor surface for adhesion.

Before adhesive plaster is applied, the skin should be painted with tincture of benzoin. This protects and hardens the skin, and also provides a good sticky surface to attach tape to.

Gauze bandaging, if properly applied next to the skin, will frequently protect it from the irritating effects of the adhesive and will also alleviate the necessity of shaving hair or painting with benzoin.

If a small sticky area is provided for attachment of the tape, adhesive can be applied over a covered area and still provide good tension and support.

For convenience and rapidity in routine application, it is best to work directly from the spool of adhesive plaster. Any length can be reeled off, roughly measured by holding it over the surface to be covered, and then torn from the spool in the appropriate length.

With this method there is very little danger of the strips of adhesive tape accidentally sticking together, face to face. Experience has shown that keeping the roll of adhesive plaster in the hand, facilitates the application, and, in most cases, makes the application firmer because stretching already has occurred.

It is also economical to apply the end, unroll from the spool, and measure before cutting. With practice anyone can learn to tear adhesive plaster without the aid of scissors.

This is accomplished by gripping the edge firmly with the thumbs and forefingers of both hands, or just by pressing with the nail of one

Knee Support for torn external lateral ligament. The knee should be slightly flexed while the strapping is applied.





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thumb while the strip is held taut, and then ripping across as if it were a piece of cloth.

The type of strapping used in the treatment of injuries is determined by a knowledge of the stresses imposed by the athlete's position, and their relationship to the weakness or injury that exists.

Applying adhesive to an extremity naturally constricts the part to some extent, a procedure not without danger, particularly in inexperienced hands.

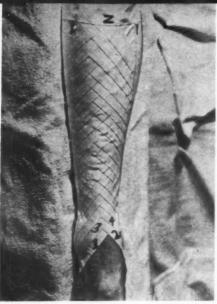
To obviate this danger, the strapping must be applied from the tips inward or from below upward. Moreover, while the tape is being applied, any dependent position of the limb must be avoided; the limb should be elevated. Otherwise the whole dressing should be slit after the application has been completed.

One should not overlap strips of adhesive tape in a circular manner across the midline of the dorsum of the foot or across the anterior midline of the leg. The strip may go across in a spiral fashion without constricting blood vessels.

This is of special importance in dealing with a sprain accompanied by swelling, or even in old injuries without swelling.

Adhesive tape should not be placed in direct contact with wounds. It will prevent access of air to the wound and thus favor the growth of potentially dangerous bacteria which develop only in the absence of oxygen. It will also prevent free drainage, an essential requirement in the care of infection.

Adhesive tape, when left on the skin too long, may produce irritation and dermatitis. Blistering will result if the tape is applied over skin stained with iodine.



Shin Splints (tearing of fibers of anterior tibial muscles): Knee and foot are kept in slightly flexed position.

As for severe sprains of the knee joint, when accompanied by redness and swelling, the immediate application of adhesive plaster dressing is seldom tolerated.

Attention to the following precutions will forefend many of the dangers mentioned:

1. Any space allowed between two strips of adhesive tape will tend to produce a blister; therefore, strips always should overlap.

2. Too light a strapping causes much discomfort and swelling at the untaped tip of the heel.

 On irregular surfaces, such as joints, narrow strips can be applied in a much neater fashion than wide strips.

4. When waterproofing of adhesive strapping is indicated, it is easily accomplished by painting, after application, with collodion, shellac, or other kinds of varnish.

5. Wherever possible, adhesive strapping should be covered with a neatly applied gauze bandage.

To insure relaxation and to maintain the position of an extremity, it is advisable to use a support while the part is being bandaged. A little wooden four-legged support (horse) is used frequently by trainers to facilitate bandaging of the extremities.

This allows the part to be raised off the table and enables you to place strips of adhesive tape around the extremity without disturbing its position.

In applying adhesive tape, care must be taken to make it fit the surface smoothly, without wrinkles. Snipping the margin at intervals will help to accomplish this. The strips must be applied so that the pressure and support will be supplied where needed the most.

If it is necessary to apply adhesive plaster over bony prominences, such parts should be protected. Adhesive plaster should not be applied too tightly over fleshy parts where its edges are likely to cut into the tissues.

When perpendicular strips are applied to a fleshy part which gradually increases in circumference from below upward, care must be taken to avoid too much traction on the upper edge of the strip.

1. A primary use of adhesive is to pull something into place and then hold it there—as illustrated by traction. A secondary use is to hold something in place—as a protective covering for dressings.

2. Protect or shave the hairy regions such as the chest or the crotch. The nipples should be covered with cotton or gauze. Pad or avoid bony ridges such as the ankle bones, hip edges (crest of the illium), tip of the shoulder, elbow, and the wrist. This will avoid friction and irritation.

Protective padding may be supplied through the use of gauze, sponge rubber, felt or similar material.

3. Intended purpose — strive to favor relaxation of the tissues. Comfort is not only an aim in applying adhesive strapping but is a good criterion of its efficiency. Before applying adhesive, know the position of the part at the time the injury occurred. The part must be placed and held in an over-corrected position while applying the strapping.

After strapping, if movement of the part causes undue tension and pain, it indicates that the strapping

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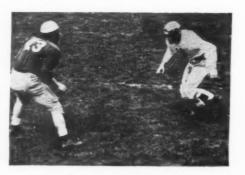
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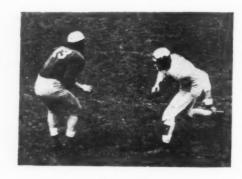
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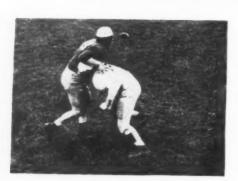
DOWNFIELD BLOCKING

By Dana C. McLendon

In his ten years of football coaching, Dana C. McLendon of Albany, Ga., has turned out four undefeated and untied teams, three state and six conference winners.









They usually are hard bought. That goes double for downfield blocking. The art of dumping the secondary pays probably the biggest dividends in football. But it requires the most arduous applica-

tion to teach.

Knute Rockne is generally credited with developing the potentialities of this technique. Each Rockne play was designed for a touchdown. This idea has become the controlling factor in the modern game.

There is nothing particularly difficult about teaching the art. The chief difficulty lies in getting players

to want to block.

Since speed is the predominant quality of downfield blocking, all our drills are designed to develop it. We give our players lots of wind sprints covering anywhere from 10 to 50 yards. In addition, each practice is concluded with relay races the length of the field, using footballs as batons.

During these drills, we correct faults such as running on the sides of the feet instead of the toes, low knee action, incorrect position of arms and elbows, "crow flapping," and insufficient leg spread. Good balance and good form are continu-

ally stressed.

Before a player can effectively block downfield, he must master certain essentials of close-line blocking. Speed, correct stance, balance, coordination, correct execution, follow-through, aggressiveness, and poise are the vital components of good close-line blocking.

We first teach our boys a correct stance. We use the three-point for linemen, and the semi-upright for backs. The next step is a quick start, without telegraphing or loss of motion. We try to get our players to take off like "scalded cats."

By way of illustration, here's the method we use with running guards: From a good comfortable stance, take off by stepping with the foot nearest the opponent. Make this a short step, about 18 inches.

At the same time, whip the elbow around vigorously to help pull parallel to the line of scrimmage. As you cross-step with the left foot (when going right), keep the chest low and forward, almost over the right foot.

We have our guards first practice the initial step and elbow whip, then add the cross-step.

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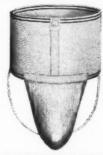
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from a low position with the tail down, head up, feet well spread, body well forward, elbows close in and working like those of a sprinter (for momentum), and running with short choppy steps at top speed.

If the guard turns upfield, he dips his inside hand and shoulder so that he may make a sharper turn without loss of balance.

Contact is taught in the following manner: Keep your eyes on the target; come up close enough to the opponent to bite him before showing.

The instant before contact, execute a knee dip, without ducking the head or shoulders, to facilitate body control and get under the opponent's hands. Then drive forward and up. Establish contact close to your ear with the arms extended to furnish additional blocking surface.

We try to implant the idea that the body should be aimed at the opponent; hence the necessity of keeping the eyes on the opponent. Ducking the head, flinching or closing the eyes, will ruin the block. All the movements must be continuous with no break or delay in the pull-out, approach, contact, and block

Summing up: During the execution of the block, it is essential to keep the feet well spread, tail down, head up, and arm extended to form a pocket with the head, neck and shoulder. The follow-through should be made with aggressive leg action. If the blocker raises up during any part of the block, he will slow down his speed and destroy his power.

Before beginning live-bait practice, we attempt to perfect the boys' form on upright dummies. This cuts down injuries, instills confidence, and enables the boys to develop faster. We give our tackles, ends and backs the same drills as our guards.

In one drill the boys work in pairs, one holding the dummy to give it weight while the other blocks.

The approach is usually from three to five yards, from a lineman's or back's stance. We want the player to block hard enough to knock the dummy-holder down. The boys practice driving into the dummy from all angles, making their approach from distances at which they would normally find an opponent in a game.

By using only two or three players to a dummy, the time spent waiting in line is reduced to a minimum. The players also practice the running shoulder and body blocks on a sled device.

We have already discussed our method of teaching the running shoulder block. Our body block is more or less a continuation of the running shoulder block. The player approaches his opponent giving every indication that he plans to use a shoulder block.

Contact is made with the shoulder by whipping the body parallel to the opponent and crabbing through into a body block. The blocker attempts to knock down the opponent and then regain his feet in order to go for another opponent.

On some body blocks, the shoulder is driven into the opponent's middle, with the head sliding to one side so that the opponent is hit with a pocket made by the side and leg. To do this effectively, it is necessary to let the shoulder relax after making contact and slide on past the opponent in order to get body surface into the block.

The idea of hitting with the shoulder first is to get close to the opponent, since most blocks are missed or ineffectually applied because the blocker "shows" too soon or leaves his feet too soon. We do not use the "roll block" since it is too easily evaded.

DRILL PROGRAM

We also use the following drills, usually during early season practice:

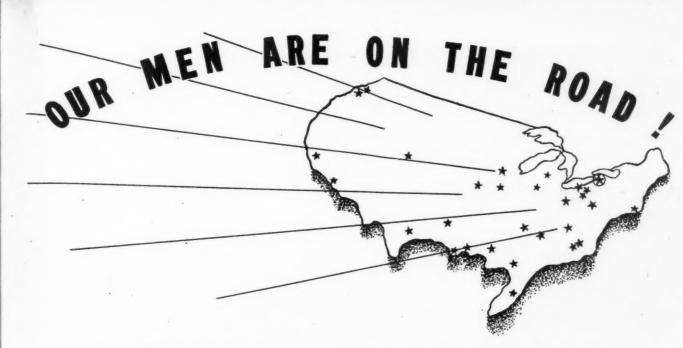
- 1. Player blocks dummy and ballcarrier cuts away, keeping the blocker's body and head between him and the dummy.
- 2. Player body blocks one dummy, regains his feet, and goes for second, third or fourth dummy. The idea is to get the players conscious of the fact that when they have executed one block they have not done all that is expected of them.
- 3. A variation of number two is achieved by placing rows of dummies in parallel lines with columns of players facing them. At the signal, the players "body block first, shoulder block second dummy, etc."

After good form is achieved on the dummies, we begin live-bait practice by lining up the players in two columns facing each other. The lines alternate as blockers. The bait approaches at different angles at about half or three-quarters speed. When hit, they release their cleats and go down to avoid injury.

We try to teach the players proper execution and give them confidence before the tempo is accelerated.

The following drill has effectively helped us get over the importance of downfield blocking and the necessity of each player carrying out not only his primary assignment but

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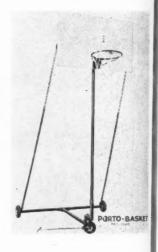


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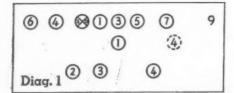


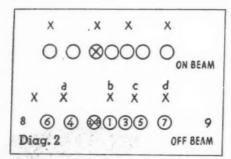
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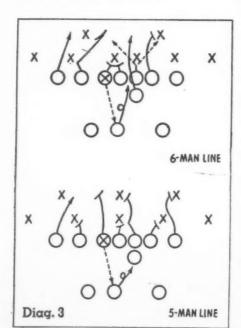
geniuses among the coaching brethren hatched an impressive array of antidotes.

As with most counteractives of sudden concoction, however, the recommended panaceas were not only short in theory but short in practicality as well.

After a few unsatisfactory experiences with the advocated panaceas, I set out to formulate my own solution. By mixing a healthy potion of midnight oil with the right proportions of o's and x's, I compounded what I believed was a winning formula.

Then came a new flood of defenses, such as the criss-crossing of linemen, sprawling to clog the area between the tackles, looping lines, and the over- and undershifted backers and tertiary.

Although these twists raised some problems, I found my basic blocking principles still successful.



Combination Jig Offense

However, my peace of mind was of short duration. The current craze for multiple-purpose offenses came along; and now I had to devise an attack fundamentally sound which would permit the backs and linemen still greater flexibility and which would embrace two or three systems, including tight and loose lines, any of several men in motion, volition forward pass reception, optional blocking assignments, unrehearsed choice plays, and mousetrapping by any one of nine players -all this without bewildering the players.

And that's how the Combination Jig Offense was born. This offense has solved many fundamental problems for me and has stimulated my squad into taking an even more lively interest in the game.

Technically the system derives its name from the dictionary definition of a jig: "A contrivance that guides the tools when more than one operation is performed on the work." This definition of a machine tool is amazingly applicable to almost any football machine, and in particular to the c.j. offense.

For practical operating purposes, the "contrivance" consists of digesting three or four general principles. Before someone shouts, "Too complicated!", let me add that this system can be taught to 90% of any squad at one sitting.

The c.j. is primarily based upon a definite numbering of offensive players and holes (Diag. 1), and the use of the team principle in blocking assignments (Diag. 2).

The holes fall on the outside hip of the players. Here are the directives for the system:

1. The first number of a play series represents the back who first receives the ball.

2. The second number is the exact hole the ball-carrier will hit, such as 33 or 39. We hit the right hip on odd numbers and the left hip on even numbers.

3. For all reverses and multiple ball-handling, a dash, with a slight hesitation, is used after the first number, such as 2-36 or 3-48.

The normal position of the No.
 back is about evenly divided between the regular single wing and

the position he would ordinarily take in a T.

We use the "beam" blocking principle in preference to the more popular "seam," for two reasons:

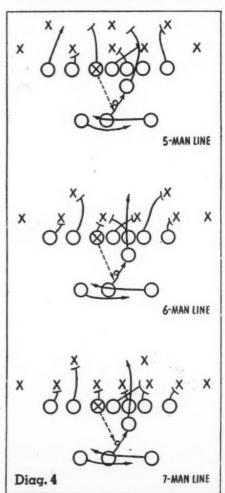
popular "seam," for two reasons: First, "on the beam" is recognized as something being straight or in line with something else. Hence it is easy for the players to know which opponents to block.

Second, the defense is more frequently found on a "beam" than in a "seam." The boys block in or out near the hole, depending on the play number.

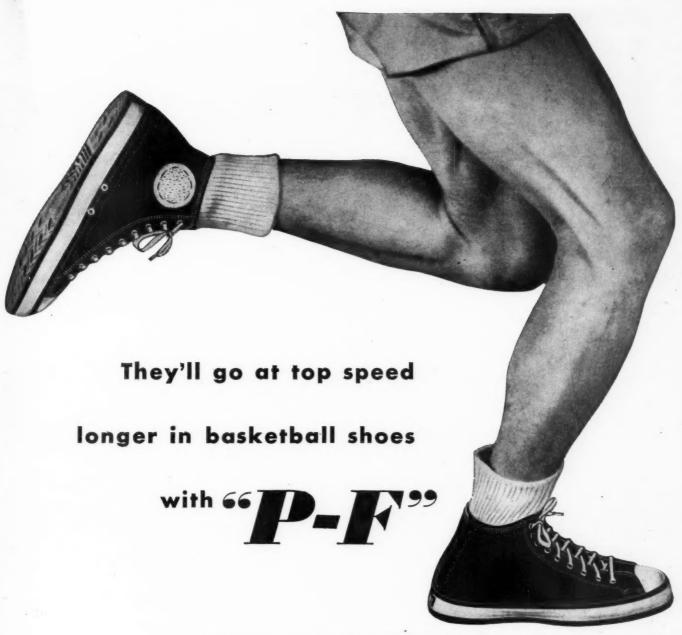
Diag. 2 (top) shows the defensive players on the beam. The offensive linemen immediately know whom to block, since they are instructed to block in or out near the hole.

The lower diagram shows defensive players "a" and "c" off the beam.

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defensive player "b" is on No. 1's beam and will be blocked by him. At the same time he can see that player "c" is not on No. 5's beam. Therefore he must block him out. away from the hole.

In adherence to the first principle, I give my boys the following instructions: "On mouse-traps through your position, check the man on or near your beam and get the line-backer nearest you."

We use the same principle on any play in which our linemen find they have no one special to block (as in Diag. 2, bottom) in the line. This principle is used frequently against a six-man line and almost every time against a five.

Because of the large number of possible plays in the c.j. offense, we sometimes find two players trying to block the same close line-backer. especially the middle one in a threeman backer-up setup.

Some men may think this is a waste of manpower. But we have found this "clean-up" principle valuable, many times preventing the carrier from being tackled on the scrimmage line.

Although Diags. 1 and 2 illustrate the crux of the c.j., the following are also integral parts of it: (1) Mouse-trap principles; (2) crisscross principle; (3) double-teaming principle.

Traps. "On traps through your number, check the man in front of you, then get the nearest backer." Diag. 3 shows this principle against six- and five-man lines.

Criss-cross blocking is one of the outstanding features of the c.j. Whatever play number is called, the player and the next highest numbered man on his side block in criss-cross fashion, the highest number crossing in front.

This type of block works in effectively with mouse-trap and spin plays. Coaches who believe the angle of a block is of paramount importance will not hesitate to put nearly all their eggs in the crisscross basket.

Such an offensive principle not only affords good angle blocking at the point of attack, but it also permits extensive use of Nos. 2 and 4 backs as men in motion, flankers, and spin deceptors.

Diag. 4 shows the criss-cross theory against 5-, 6-, and 7-man lines. While a team's play repertoire may not include these specific set-ups, the coach who uses c.j. principles can expect a well-executed performance without previous rehearsal of the play.

Double-teaming. On straight plunges into the line, we use double-team blocking at the spot

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being hit. Some coaches may demur at so much 2-on-1 blocking, but such blocking is valuable in shortyardage situations and against clogged lines near the goal.

Diag. 5 shows the c.j. in action on plunges without and with the

double-teaming principle.

Here are some additional possibilities afforded by the c.j. which do not impose too much additional load on the boys and which do not diminish the effectiveness of the play.

1. No. 4 back may be used as a flanker. If he is ignored by the defense, you may throw out to him. He may then run or pass to anyone in a designated zone. As a flanker, he also has a beautiful blocking angle on the defensive end or backer on end runs.

No. 2 back may flank to either side or be in motion right or left.

3. If the spin series is desired from the 31 play, No. 3 can fake to 2 or 4, or both. While he is spinning to one, the other can be in motion or flank.

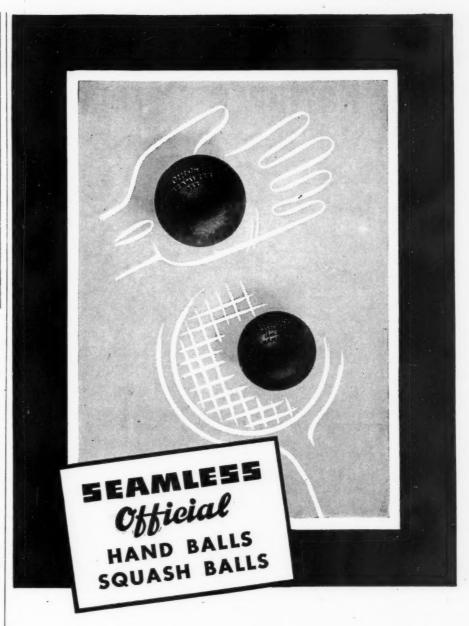
4. If a trap is desired with the spin, either 1 or 4, or any of the removed linemen, may do the trapping.

5. With the c.j. system of line play, T plays may be run without advance preparation on blocking assignments.

6. In the c.j. system, unlike many single wings, the fullback and left half can hit through all the 0 to 5 holes with confidence and effectiveness.

7. If you wish to use the left half instead of the fullback in any of the accompanying setups, merely call play 21 instead of 31, etc.

Seymour L. Murphy is now in his third season as head football coach at Monroe (Mich.) High School.



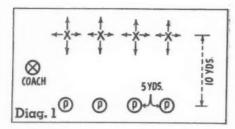
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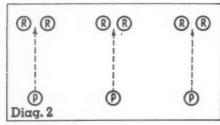
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Dick Harlow's Defense





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WHILE Dick Harlow spends a lot of time on defense in general, his long suit is pass defense. Year in and year

out, Harvard ranks with the leaders in pass interceptions and in low total yardage on opposing completions.

Diag. 1 outlines a typical Harvard pass-defense drill for backs and centers, which Harlow described in his lectures at the Eastern Pennsylvania Coaches Assn. Coaching School.

The passers and defenders set up in two lines, 10 yards apart, with the coach at the side. Each passer is given a ball, while the backs line up in a semi-crouch with the feet spread and the weight on the balls of the feet.

At the coach's command of "Front!", "Back!", "Right!", or "Left!", the backs slide fast without crossing feet. When the coach yells "Jump!", the passers throw the ball high. This drill develops leg spring and serves as a good conditioner as well.

Diag. 2 illustrates the Harvard scramble drill. The receivers line up in pairs, side by side, wearing headgears and pads. The passers throw and the receivers scramble for the catch.

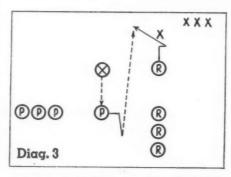
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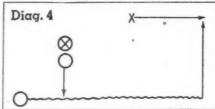
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Diag. 3 outlines a pass drill for receivers and defenders. Each receiver, before his turn, tells the passer how he will run. He may employ any stunt he thinks will work.

Diag. 4 furnishes a little practice in covering a T flanker. The defensive man keeps three yards ahead of the motion man and favors his outside shoulder, unless the motion man cuts very close to the sideline.

The defender is taught to keep





his eyes on both the receiver and the passer. He takes care never to tangle his legs and is prepared for all stunts. He watches the receiver for tip-offs, and plays for interception when the ball is in the air.

In Harvard's team drills, every man in the secondary goes for the ball soon as it is thrown.

Pointers on receiver stunts (escapes):

Hook—pick a spot eight to ten yards downfield. Run at top speed to create the impression you are going deep. Brake on one step only. For right turn, stop on left leg; for left turn, stop on right leg. Get eyes around fast and regain balance quickly.

Hook and Go—After hooking, swing wide in direction opposite the turn. This permits the fastest possible escape from the defensive man. Reach back, with thumbs in, to receive these passes. This facilitates the catch and enables the

body to serve as a screen (puts body between ball and defender).

Fake In and Go Out—Tell the passer the number of yards you are going downfield. Upon reaching that spot, hit on inside leg and lean well to the inside with full body; then change direction. A mere head fake will not suffice, unless you intend continuing in same direction. Remember, the defenders anticipate a head fake and change of direction.

Pass Defenses. Harlow, against the single-wing offense, uses two defensive setups for his secondary and two setups for his line. The defenses, while separate units, are interchangeable.

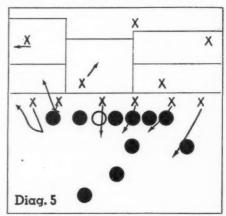
The defensive center usually calls the secondary signal, while the smartest lineman relays the line signal. These signals are called while the offensive team is huddling. The first man to diagnose the play as a pass yells to tip everyone off; then all men pick up the yell.

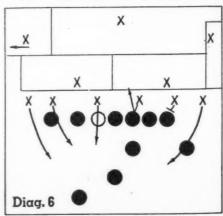
Diag. 5 outlines Harvard's S-1 defense against a single wing.

The right end takes two steps in and floats to the outside on passes. The right tackle shivers the end and drops straight back on passes. The rest of the line smashes in to rush the pass or stop a run.

The defensive center backs to the inside to cover the middle, while the full covers the first man going into the flat.

No matter where the play goes, the right half always takes a step to the outside so that he won't be







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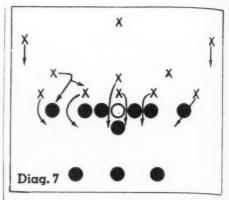
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a sucker for sharp hooks by the offensive left end or get caught on crosses from the strong side.

The left half takes the second and deeper man in the flat, while the safety takes the deepest or third man on the strong side.

Diag. 6 shows the Harvard S-2 defense against a single wing. The line now leaves the short flat uncovered.

The right end and tackle smash in with the right guard and left end. The defensive left guard hits to control the inside tackle, then, after diagnosing the play as a pass, drops straight back.

The defensive left tackle drives over the end to check him in the line, while the left end tries to mess up the wingback.

The defensive center and full cover their immediate zones, dropping straight back and looking for receivers entering their territory. The right half plays the same as in the first defense, normally covering the offensive left end.

The left half now takes the first man in the flat, while the safety takes the second or deep man on his side (usually of the end-wingback combination).

The center and fullback and the right half and left half work in teams against opponents crossing over. If a man starts to cross over a zone, the defender yells and covers him. If his buddy yells, too, they drop back and exchange men, staying on their original sides.

T Defenses. Harlow next delved into his defense against the T, starting with his 5-3-2-1 with varitions. Diag. 7 delineates his T-1 defense.

The halfbacks and the safety set up eight to 12 yards back, depending on the tactical situation. The corner (outside) backers-up deploy three to four yards back, while the middle backer sets up two to three yards back. The latter normally calls the slide.

The right end assumes outside responsibility, while the right tackle loops and plays territory. The right line-backer moves in as the ball is



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snapped and backs up the tackle either inside or outside.

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The guard playing in front of the center, slides left and drives over the inside shoulder of the offensive right guard. The left tackle takes a slight step right to plant his right leg for driving power, then drives over the inside shoulder of the offensive right tackle.

The left end assumes more inside than outside responsibility, smacking over the outside shoulder of the offensive right end.

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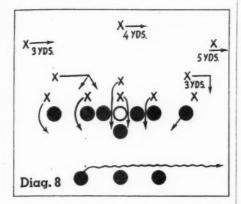
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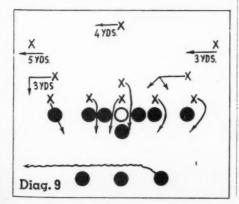
The left backer-up is responsible for support inside and outside of his end. The halfbacks come up fast on the outside for flank plays, with the safety reinforcing them, inside or outside, as the play develops.

If the offense sends a man in motion to the right, the following changes are made in the defense (Diag. 8):

The three deep men move over three to five yards in the direction of the motion. The left backer widens up a couple of yards and assumes the major outside responsibility.

The defensive left end now smashes directly over the offensive right end to blunt his penetration into the secondary on pass plays, then assumes full inside responsibility.

Since the left backer has moved



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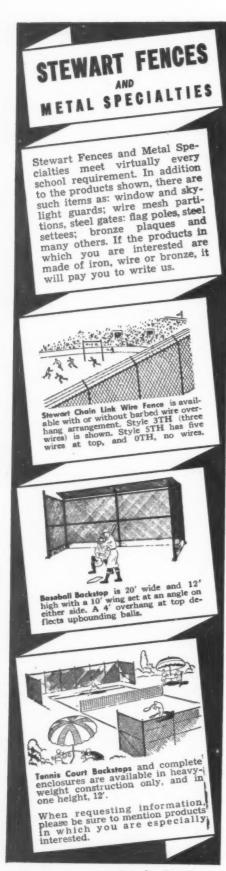
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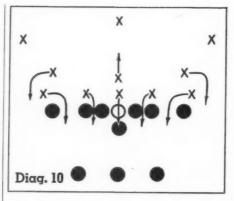




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out, he is now more difficult for the offensive flanker to take. If the flanker takes the defensive left end in (on an outside play), the backer-up is in good position to throttle the play with the aid of the defensive left half.

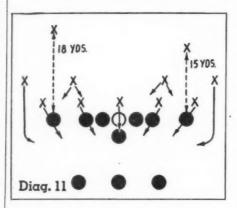
The left half covers the motion man, with the safety taking the right end, and the right half taking the left end, if they enter their zones. Otherwise the players cross over, as in the single-wing defense.

The linemen help on pass defense, not only by rushing the passer but by tackling any back coming over their territory. If they can't tackle him, they delay him or change his course with a good straight-arm shiver.

If the motion is to the left, the players automatically slide in the opposite direction, as shown in **Diag. 9.**

Diag. 10 offers another variation on the same defense. Harlow's idea is to hocus-pocus the offense by throwing the defense into unexpected spots, thus disorganizing the opponents' nicely arranged assignments and plays.

The tackles and ends now loop



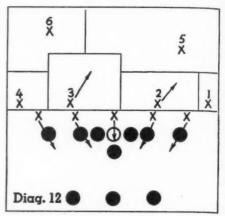
inside for a tight line concentration, while the outside line-backers float outside, making it actually a tight seven. The middle-backer-up now retreats a yard and plays it safe.

The deep secondary make compensations when the offense sends men in motion; otherwise they remain the same.

Diag. 11 outlines Harlow's 5-4-2

defense against the T on running plays.

The line converges to the inside, while the outside backers-up (who are 2½ to 3 yards back) play as ends on wide plays, coming up



from outside to turn the play in. The inside backers support holes inside and outside the tackles, with emphasis outside.

On pass plays, the 5-4-2 becomes pretty much a zone (Diag. 12). If the passer floats to his right, the middle backers play as shown. If he floats left, they make their moves in the opposite direction.

The No. 3 backer covers passes deep in the middle that split 5 and 6. The defensive secondary watch the passer's right hand and left foot for tip-offs as to the direction of the throw, then play the ball aggressively as it is released.

Against a man in motion, the 5-4-2 operates as shown in **Diag. 13**. No. 1 now covers the motion man, dropping off slightly. Nos. 2 and 3 slide over three yards toward the motion man, while 4, 5 and 6 stay put.

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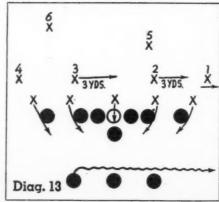
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Note how the defensive linemen hammer through the offensive forward wall and converge on the passer. The middle man always goes straight over the offensive center.

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many lives have been saved by this training. In keeping with the function of education, which is to prepare children to cope with the problems they will face in later life, an extra-curricular activity like riflery equips the student with an activity he will be able to enjoy all his life in perfect safety.

While safety education is highly important, it is not the only nor the most apparent reason for a school rifle club. Target shooting is a sport. It's fun. Just hold up a rifle before any group of teen-age boys and tell they they can shoot it; then listen to the chorus of "oh boys" and "gee whizzes.'

If you have ever seen a group of riflemen in the prone position firing an important match, you may wonder how much physical training is actually involved in this sport? Isn't the rifleman striving to be just as motionless as possible?

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However, let's note one characteristic of rifle shooting right here. It is a participant sport purely and simply. There is little spectator appeal. You won't find a few players and thousands of spectators. The only fun is in actually shooting.

Once you decide to set up a rifle club, the school administration will naturally want to know what the status of this new activity will be.

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Where will it fit into the established program?

The rifle club should be regarded generally as an extra-curricular club similar to a camera club, a skating club, or a dramatics club. This permits the club to spread the basic safety and marksmanship training among as many students as wish to join, considering of course the limitations of available facilities and supervision.

But, in addition, the team selected from among the club members should be governed by the regulations of the athletic department and recognized in the same fashion as other teams. Team members certainly should be given credits toward school letters and probably should receive financial aid through the athletic department budget.

A word of caution is advisable here. The club instructor who concentrates on developing top-notch teams to the neglect of the many club members, will not derive the fullest benefits out of the activity.

Training the many should come first. Through that, and as a secondary aim, comes the development of a successful team.

Many high schools have military departments. Quite often the shooting activities will be headed by commissioned or non-commissioned officers.

There is no great objection to that plan. However, the National Rifle Association does not consider its junior rifle program as military training. Care should be taken, under such an arrangement, to see that membership in the club is open to all students who want to participate, whether they are taking military studies or not.

While mentioning "open" membership, let's not forget the girls. Girls take to target shooting like the proverbial duck takes to water. For three years the National Junior Championship team was composed of nine girls and one boy representing a relatively small school.

The girls can really shoot. The winner of the Junior Championship at the 1947 National Matches held at Camp Perry in August was Audrey Bockmann, a 16-year-old schoolgirl from Ridgefield, N. J.

A large number of school rifle clubs include both boys and girls. Many other schools prefer to have separate boys and girls clubs. Each plan has its merits. But, by all means, don't leave the girls out in the cold. They need the training just as much as the boys and are every bit as enthusiastic.

Now for the establishment of the rifle club. First of all, every shoot-

ing club needs (1) a safe place in which to shoot, (2) a rifle range, and (3) equipment, chiefly rifles, with which to shoot.

An indoor range is a necessity in most places, since riflery is largely a winter sport.

While outdoor ranges may be satisfactory in Florida, lower California and the Southwest, the lighted indoor range is generally more practical inasmuch as the club's activities are usually conducted after classroom hours.

Almost every sizeable school plant has space available for an indoor range. A basement room at last 70 feet long is ideal for an indoor range. The width of the room determines the number of shooters who can fire at one time, allowing five feet of space for each shooter.

Even if such a room is not available, the use of temporary or rollaway backstops can assure a satisfactory setup in the gymnasium, auditorium, cafeteria, or any other large room in the building.

RANGE CONSTRUCTION PLANS

For complete information on range construction, turn to your file on Scholastic Coach. In the January and February 1947 issues, you'll find an exhaustive article on this subject by J. L. Murphy, the architect in charge of the NRA Range Planning Section. Anyone desiring range construction plans or advice can secure them by writing to the National Rifle Association, 1600 Rhode Island Ave. N.W., Washington 6, D. C.

If space is unavailable in the school itself or if the construction of a range seems impractical, it may be possible to secure the use of a local range—perhaps one owned by a local senior rifle club. Such clubs are usually only too glad to give every possible assistance to newly organized groups of young riflemen.

After the range itself, equipment is the next necessity. Rifles are the principle item. If your range has space for five shooters to fire at one time, the club should have a minimum of five target rifles. Select moderate priced .22 caliber target rifles.

Just any .22 will not prove satisfactory. Target models are characterized as such largely by their sighting equipment. A micrometer-type peep or aperture rear sight is a necessary attachment. The retail prices on such models will vary from around \$20 on up. Probably the most satisfactory models for

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school clubs retail at around \$50 each.

Ammunition—.22 Long Rifle—costs about \$100 per case of 10,000 cartridges on the open market. However, special arrangements permit NRA chartered clubs to purchase ammunition through a government agency at approximately \$70 per case.

Targets are very inexpensive costing between four and five dollars per thousand. Spotting telescopes cost about \$30 or \$35 when equipped with stand. Shooting jackets, gloves, kits, cartridge blocks, etc., are items that may be added gradually to the club's equipment but need not concern us in the original budget.

Let's take a good look at this matter of costs right now. Consider the fact that most of your range construction work and some items of the club's equipment can be worked out successfully as projects by the Manual Training Department.

Cooperation of this type can cut costs considerably. Assuming this cooperation, \$50 or less should take care of the range construction costs. Five rifles of the type mentioned will cost an additional \$250. A case of ammunition will add \$70 and one spotting scope another \$35.

Add to this \$5 for your club affiliation fee and another five for targets, and we arrive at a total initial budget of \$415. Please notice that most of this expenditure is for permanent or semi-permanent equipment—range, rifles and scope which will not need to be replaced for quite a number of years.

Now let's look at another way to trim that budget even more. I mentioned above that an NRA-affiliated club could buy ammunition through a government agency. Through that same agency, the Office of the Director of Civilian Marksmanship, a branch of the U. S. War Department, even more extensive assistance is available.

LOAN OF RIFLES

By applying to that agency and with no additional expense, save the cost of a small bond and shipping charges, the club may draw, on loan, one target rifle, of the type recommended, for each five male club members between the ages of 14 and 18 inclusive.

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each such member, plus a package of 1,000 targets. By taking advantage of this help, your entire budget will drop to little over \$100.

One other thing must be taken care of before the new rifle club is ready to complete its organization and begin operating. That splendid safety record mentioned early in this article was made possible only by competent adult supervision of the hundreds of thousands of NRA junior shooters.

Under NRA regulations, each chartered junior club must be under the direction of a responsible adult who accepts the title and responsibilities of club instructor. The success of the club naturally depends a great deal on this man or woman.

In school rifle clubs it is, of course, desirable that the instructor be a member of the faculty. Generally it is not difficult to locate a faculty member who is interested in shooting and who is willing to work with the youngsters.

It is not at all necessary that he have extensive background or experience in the target shooting game, since the NRA will furnish him with a special instructor's training course and all the information needed to successfully supervise the club. If more than one

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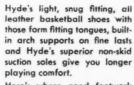
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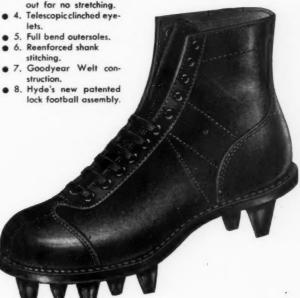


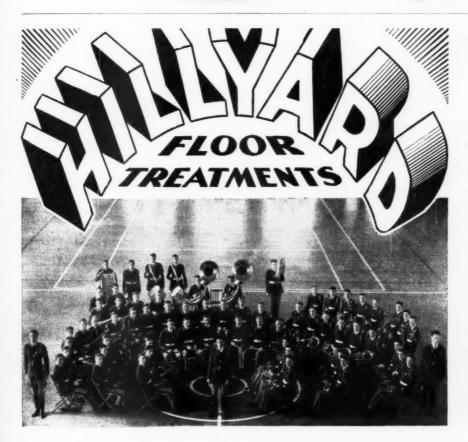
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instructor is available, so much the better.

These days most faculty members are conducting more than the usual number of classes and are weighted down with many other duties. If no faculty member is free and willing to take over complete direction of the club, a faculty sponsor may be appointed whose duties will consist only of overseeing the administration of the club and of checking to see that it functions in accordance with school requirements.

The actual shooting supervision and instruction may be under the direction of another man, usually a volunteer from the local senior rifle club.

Now, we're ready to organize. The instructor writes to the NRA and receives club organizational material and the application forms for a club charter. He calls a meeting of all members or prospective members to elect a staff of club officers—the usual president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer, plus an executive officer who is charged with the maintenance of shooting equipment and supplies.

These officers, together with the instructor, constitute the club's executive committee. The president takes the chair and presides over all business meetings thereafter. By-laws are discussed and adopted (model by-laws are a part of the NRA club organizational material furnished).

The application for charter, a copy of the club's proposed bylaws, and the annual affiliation fee are sent to NRA headquarters. When that application is approved and the charter issued, the club may apply for the government assistance. The year's shooting program is now ready to begin.

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The average faculty sponsor is left pretty much to his own devices to provide a program for his club members. A school rifle club instructor does not have this problem. A nation-wide program is provided by the NRA which will keep his club members occupied and enthusiastic from their first meeting till the last.

Since safety training and marksmanship instruction are the prime functions of the rifle club, a regular course of instruction for the members is provided in the instructor's manual and in each member's handbook.

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As mentioned before, competition is the spice of any sport. NRAsponsored events include the annual Postal Team Championships, a series of four monthly team matches begining each November. In a postal match like this, each team fires on registered targets on its own home range. The targets are sent to NRA headquarters for scoring and tabulation.

Each month an official bulletin is distributed which shows the relative ranking of the teams. Last year 592 teams took part. As in most NRA competitions the teams were classified and awards given in each

For example, military schools compete in one class, non-military schools in another, non-scholastic teams in a third class, and a special class is set up for teams whose shooters are all under 15 years of

INTRAMURAL TOURNAMENTS

An important part of the program for school rifle clubs is participation in the Scholastic Coach Intramural Rifle Tournament. Every school club instructor should secure information about this splendid competition. A post card to the editors of this magazine will bring full details. The NRA assisted in drawing up the regulations and wholeheartedly endorses and encourages this event for all school clubs holding NRA charters.

Many junior and school teams band together in their communities to form leagues. Firing matches weekly or bi-weekly builds up a fine competitive spirit and plenty of good-natured interschool rivalries. Of course special matches are often arranged against teams not included in the league or its sched-

The climax of the junior shooting season comes in the early spring with the firing of the NRA National Junior Shoulder-to-Shoulder Team and Individual Championships. Strategically located ranges are selected for sectional tournament sites. Every effort is made to select sites that most teams can reach with a minimum of travel.

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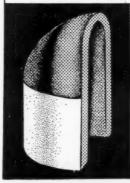
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THE 45 Federation-member states have 45 different limits tions on awards and trophies. A few states abide by A.A.U regulations, which distinguish between awards of intrinsic value and those without such value.

For instance, a gold watch is considered to have sale value unless it is engraved with the player's name. It then is considered an article with no salable value.

Most states do not permit expensive awards. A few definitely limit awards to a standard type school letter or to ribbons. Arkansas recently designed an engraved certificate, and this is the only award made by the state association. The certificate is 81/2 by 11, and includes the state association seal and blanks for the name of the competitor and the signatures of the asssociation

Football statistics. School men with a yen for statistics will be interested in the table on page 76 of the football rules book. Since that table was printed, more extensive statistics have become available which indicate a few changes in the figures.

In the professional game, there are now an average of 161 downs per game. The time from dead ball to snap is 33 sec. for high school and college, and 31 for pro. Total action time (live-ball time) is 9.1 min. for high school, 12.1 for college, and 14.2 for pro. The over-all game time (from whistle to gun) is 1 hr. 55 min. for high school, 2-10 for college, and 2-18

The length of kicks from scrimmage is 34 yds, for high school, 37 for college, and 41 for pro. The number of field-goal attempts (exclusive of tryfor-point) is .2 for high school, .5 for college, and 2. for pro.

Athletic benefit plans. Many state associations have subsidized accident benefit plans to encourage widespread use of the afforded protection. Washington has adopted a by-law making accident coverage a prerequisite for eligibility. A school is not permitted to use an athlete until it has taken out proper accident coverage for him. The state association pays 50% of the fee.

In Idaho, a small percentage of the basketball tournament receipts is allocated to the benefit plan to defray part of the cost of enrollment. Blanket coverage is offered at a flat fee of \$1, with or without football.

In North Dakota, a fee of \$1 provides coverage for football; 75¢ for six-man football; and 50¢ for all other sports.

Oregon has launched a plan which covers every pupil, athletic official and school employee. The state law gives the school jurisdiction from the time a pupil leaves home until he

returns from school. The benefit rates are laid down by the State Industrial Accident Commission.

Oklahoma's rate is \$1.50 for football or \$2 for all sports. Nebraska offers coverage at \$2 for all sports and \$1 for all sports except football.

California last year enrolled 25,000 students in its benefit plan at a rate of 50¢ for all non-athletic accidents. This resulted in a deficit. The rate for the new year will be \$1.

In New York, the fee for the highest grade coverage was originally \$3 for all sports and \$2.50 for football. The resulting deficit forced the state association to divert about \$10,000 from its reserve fund to meet the claims. The rates for the new year have been raised to \$4 for full coverage and \$3.50 for football alone.

Eligibility rules. Money penalties are sometimes assessed in Idaho. Tennessee and Missouri. While nearly every state possesses the right to assess a fine for contract violations, most of them do not use fines for other penalties.

Oklahoma and Idaho sometimes suspend their member schools, but the suspension is effected at some future date-which gives the guilty school an opportunity to make amends before being dropped from membership. It amounts to the same thing as being placed on probation.

A number of devices are used to prevent the breaking of eligibility rules. States such as Missouri and Tennessee hold meetings to discuss the rules. These meetings are sometimes worked in with football or basketball conclaves. The same states also encourage a brief discussion of eligibility problems in assembly programs. Many states issue eligibility placards for the bulletin board.

Amateur provisions differ widely. Texas and other states, which follow A.A.U. standards, permit awards costing as much as \$15, provided they have no intrinsic value.

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Seven states prohibit any awards from a non-school group. In Texas, rodeo is classed as a sport and a boy cannot accept a gift, such as the calf he ropes, because the calf has selling value.

Oklahoma declares a boy a professional if he uses his reputation as an athlete for pay. Except for Oklahoma and Kansas, all states professionalize a boy only for illegal participation as a player. The athlete does not jeopardize his amateur standing by such acts as life guarding or officiating.

In Arkansas, California, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Texas, and Washington, professionalism in one sport causes loss of eligibility in all. Most states permit reinstatement after a stipulated period and the meeting of certain conditions.

In most states, a boy does not become ineligible as soon as he receives 16 units of credit, provided he does not receive a diploma for graduation. This permits a boy to take more units than is required and still be eligible for eight full semesters.

Broadcasting. Public relations programs are in effect in most states. Indiana officers make a practice of conferring with newspapermen and radio men when visiting local communities in any other capacity. Several states hold regular conferences

with sportswriters.

Broadcasting problems have been growing. Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas rent broadcasting rights for final games. In Arkansas, this brings in \$3,000; in Oklahoma, \$4,500; and

in Texas, \$6,000.

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Indiana makes no charge for broadcasting the state basketball finals, and 24 stations (total of 96 men) occupy radio booths. Illinois sells the air rights to its finals for \$100 for each small station and \$500 for each of the larger stations. Idaho sells its rights for \$15 per game. Michigan also has a stipulated rate.

Schedule limitations. Most states restrict the number of football and basketball games a school may play. In basketball, for example, Indiana and Kansas permit a maximum of 18 games plus the state tournaments. Missouri permits 16 and Illinois 20.

Most states also fix the beginning and ending of the football and basketball seasons. In a number of cases, the football season is ended on the Thanksgiving weekend. In Oklahoma and Texas, state-sponsored playoffs are permitted after the season's close.

At the summer session of executive secretaries, there was a discussion relative to the Federation regulation requiring sanction for inter-state games in which either team travels a round-trip distance of 600 miles. It was suggested that some thought be given to the advantages and disdisadvantages of making this limit 600 miles from the state line rather than from the school location.

It was also suggested that there would be some values in having a nationwide regulation requiring Federation sanction for all inter-state contests sponsored by a non-school organization. This would apply regardless of the travel distance involved.

Such a regulation would provide a degree of control over contests such as last year's intersectional high school basketball game at Madison Square Garden. This game caused considerable difficulty because the newspapers persisted in ignoring the state and national regulations.

A few states, such as Arkansas and Utah, already require sanction for any game played in another state. It was the opinion of the executive secretaries that each state should include a definite by-law insuring proper respect for the rules of other states.

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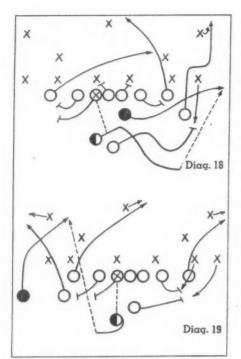
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going into flat. Usually he will move wider to cover and then tear out fast after wing. When ball is thrown to wing, blocking back moves out for coverage or for lateral.

Diag. 21. An excellent follow up of preceding pass to exploit backer-up's eagerness to tear after wing. Blocking back now steps across line and takes pass.

The wingback, who frequently is in motion, is as valuable as the quarterback in the T. He is fast, deceptive, and a good ball-handler and pass receiver. Aside from him, there is no need for the backs to be exceptionally fast, so long as they like to run.

The man-in-motion, when not carrying the ball, serves as a trailer for laterals or as a target for flat passes. These three options practically force the defensive end and halfback on that side to play very cautiously.

Our tailback handles the ball most of the time, does practically all the spinning, faking of hand-offs, etc. We have an elastic law which allows him to bootleg to his right any time he thinks it will work. After spins and hand-offs, he always moves hurriedly in that direction (right), faking as though he has the ball.

It is a "must" in our system for both the wingback and the tailback to run wide several times early in every game. Whether we gain or not, this makes the defense realize we might come out that way at any moment.

Thus, with the defensive ends and halfbacks partly frozen by the movements of the wing and tail, with the rest of the defensive line wide because of our spread, and with good blocking angles on the secondary—we feel more confident in our stuff inside and up the middle.

Once we feel we have the defense overshifting with our man-in-motion, we immediately center our attack on their weaker side. Sometimes we come back from a motion play. Other times we move right out while our players still have their hands on their knees.

This is the style of play Cliff Battles is using this year with the Brooklyn Dodgers. While it isn't the best method of taking off, it does add the element of surprise and is very effective at times.

We do our best to run our motion and set plays about 50-50. Our offensive holes are numbered along the opponents' line and run from 1 to 7. These never change and are simpler than the conventional odds and evens.

With few exceptions we identify plays by description rather than number. We find this reduces confusion, since numbers often sound too much alike. We changed "45" to Tackle Trap, for example, because the players thought they heard "49" or "35". Now there are fewer mix-ups and less excuses for missed plays.

We know that Tackle Trap means a defensive tackle will be trapped, depending on which side we are running. Likewise, "63" was changed to Wingback Reverse Inside. In the diagram of this play (Diag. 10), you can see how the naming of the play tells exactly what will happen.

Tailback Spin No. 3 Hole and Fake Pass Run Up Center are self-explanatory plays that have reduced our huddle time. We also stencil our plays and give a set to each boy making the team.

We don't worry too much over the possibility of a set falling into the wrong hands. Our prime concern is for our kids to learn them thoroughly.

Ball-handling, spins, fakes, and timing get as many practice hours as they do in the T. We strive for perfection in the screening of the ball. And to aid in the deception, we use several plays where the man reversing the ball lays it on his rump in back of him.

When this stunt is mastered, it is almost impossible for the defense

to determine whether the ball has been reversed or whether the original handler has retained possession.

Our End Around and Wingback Reverse Inside are handled in this manner.

Our motion plays generally start with the tailback taking a direct pass from center and spinning to his right.

He (1) hands off to the wingback while faking to the fullback, or vice versa; (2) runs with the ball himself; (3) gives to the blocker or to the end on an End Around; or (4) passes in the flat to the wing.

On these plays the fullback is just far enough back of the tail to permit the wing to move through the gap. As the wing passes through, the fullback drives right off his (wingback's) rump and either fakes or carries the ball.

The fake hand-off and the actual hand-off, the moving of the wing through the gap, and the fullback drive ahead, are all executed in a smooth motion. The fullback times his drive so that he partially brushes the wing's rump.

We feel that fewer plays, well practiced, pay off better than a larger number only partially learned.

After playing four years in the St. Joseph's College backfield, Johnnie Golden put in a year with the Philadelphia Eagles, then went into high school coaching. He coached at Phillipsburg Parochial and Blair Academy until the war came along. He served three years, coaching two camp teams on the side. In 1945 he took over his present post at St. Ignatius High in San Francisco, and won the city title in his first try.

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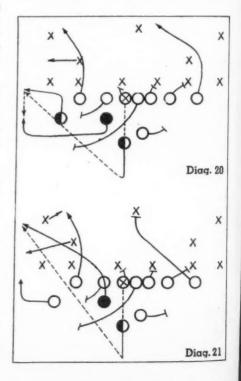
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Downfield Blocking

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also of getting downfield for additional blocking.

We line up an offensive team against 11 defensive players holding dummies. A play is run at full speed, with full-power blocking. The players must mow down the dummies.

We can easily check on how well each man is following up his first assignment with downfield blocking. This plan also affords an excellent method of teaching the proper execution of plays, since the offensive and defensive men can be alternated frequently. We some times work on this one drill for a full practice session

Secondary assignments should be stressed just as much as primary assignments. Once this idea is thoroughly ingrained, good downfield blocking is almost certain to result. The farther away an offensive player is from the hole to be opened, the quicker he can get downfield for secondary blocking.

Many coaches often make the mistake of trying to teach too many plays too quickly. As a result, they neglect precise execution and follow-up blocking.

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If the runner gets into the secondary, every player should be required to get downfield to help him to a touchdown. It is one of the hardest points to get over, and must be stressed again and again until follow-up blocking is second nature to the entire squad.

If this habit is properly instilled while working on just a few plays during the first weeks of practice, the results will be immeasurably better than if the coach spent the early practice sessions trying to teach a large number of plays with the idea of working on downfield blocking later. Downfield blocking should be made the primary part of the first play and followed up in each subsequent play.

We spend considerable time on blocking the backers-up, usually using a running shoulder block for this purpose. We often use an offensive team against a defensive line and backers-up, with dummies for defensive halfbacks and safety.

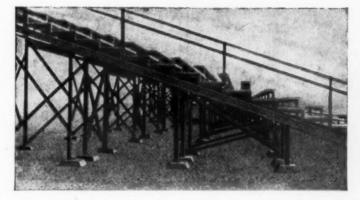
We rotate the assignments by calling in the huddle, "ends block backers-up," "tackles block backers-up," "center and right tackle block backers-up," etc.

The angle of approach is important. For instance, if the center is assigned to block the defensive center on a play going to the right, he must not approach his opponent at



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a 45-degree angle. He must go straight down the field several steps and meet the defensive center coming across, taking him with a shoulder or body block.

If the blocker (center) doesn't lead the opponent, that is, meet him at the cross-roads, the opponent may slide by him, due to the poor angle of approach.

If the backer-up is filling a hole in the line, we want our blocker to take him with a shoulder block to avoid clogging the hole. If the blocker finds that the backer-up has moved out of position, he is instructed to take him in the direction he is going; the runner can cut back to the inside.

On quick-openers, the linemen can often use a screen block on the backers-up; that is, hit them in the body or chest with the shoulder and forearms and screen them long enough for the runner to flash by.

In blocking the halfbacks and safety, we use the running shoulder block when possible. We have found, however, that the body block is very effective against opponents approaching the blocker at a 45- or 90-degree angle.

In using the body block in this situation, it is essential for the offensive man to lead his opponent plenty, and to make certain that he gets his arm, chest and body well in front of the opponent and to then hit him smartly with considerable force.

The gravest faults, as stated before, are showing too soon, not coming close enough to the opponent before committing yourself, failure to keep eyes on the target, not holding the feet until the last practical moment, and not following through.

Several final points may be added. When attempting to block a secondary who is backing up, it is imperative to use a shoulder block, keeping the feet. If the blocker tries a body block, he will usually wind up on the ground with the tackler evading him.

We also want our blockers to always know the probable path of the ball-carrier so that they (blockers) may approach the defensive men by a path that will permit them to be at the right spot at the right time.

Bernie Bierman said: "The road to good blocking is a long, arduous one, but coaches who travel it will never have cause to regret the hours spent.

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"Taping"

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removal of the tape are dissolved by applying benzine.

A fourth method advocated is to have the player moisten the adhesive tape in a shower first and then have the tape removed.

Ochsner recommended: "If the attendant will put about one teaspoonful of cold cream into the palm of one hand, rub the cold cream well into the adhesive bandage, the bandage can be removed with a minimum of discomfort and without the slightest danger to the patient or to the surroundings."

After removal of adhesive tape, the part should be washed with soap and warm water, dried thoroughly, and dusted with talcum powder.

COMMENT AND SUMMARY

"Taping" is the colloquial term used for strapping with adhesive tape. In athletics, adhesive is used a great deal for preventive, protective, and remedial purposes.

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- 4. Nature of the work the athlete is performing.
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Deliver to Frank Leahy one football tackle, weight 250 pounds, as a prize for coming up with the season's first grid gem. "This summer I met an old friend at a coaching clinic. He knew me back in my schooldays in Texas, but hadn't seen me in years. He asked me how many children I had and I held up my hand.

"He whistled, 'Man, oh man, do you know how many fingers you got on that hand?' I said I did and that five was the correct number of Leahy offspring. He shook his head dazedly and finally muttered, 'Well, I guess that's right—you sure were never one to hold down the score."

During one of those crucial Dodger-Cardinal games last month, the boys started jockeying one another across the separating patch of field. "Look at that guy Cross," sneered Ed Stanky. "Been in 40 games; 36 of them as a pinch runner. Why, if he ever gets a charley-horse, he's washed up as a big leaguer."

In the Yankee clubhouse, meanwhile, the American League champions were holding daily skull sessions on their probable rivals for the world series jackpot. One day it was Carl Furillo's turn to be lathered. The Yanks agreed that Carl is a good ball player and an exceptional runner.

Listening to the discussion was Pete Sheehy, the clubhouse boy who in his more talkative seasons has been known to open his mouth as often as twice. When someone said, "Yes, I guess Furillo can run," Pete astounded everyone by chiming in, "I know he can run.'

"How do you know?" asked Snuffy

Stirnweiss, out of curiosity.
"Because," piped Peter, "during the Battle of Okinawa, he passed me-and brother, I was moving!"

Want a winning football team? Just get Lou Rymkus, the Cleveland Browns' right tackle. He doesn't know what it is to play on a loser. In 1943, he played on the Notre Dame team which was acclaimed national college champions. In 1944, he performed for the Washington Redskins who won the Eastern Division title of the National League.

With Bainbridge Naval Station the following season, Rymkus was with a club that chalked up a perfect record. And last year the Browns, with Rymkus at tackle, copped the All-America Conference pennant.

A good coach is a tough man to beat-on the field or off. Take Bill Rohlffs, for instance. In his ten years of basketball coaching at Park City (Mont.) High, he amassed a very tidy record of 157 victories, topping it off with a tri-county and district title (1942). Thereupon Bill left the coaching field to become a salesman for the Mutual Life Insurance Co. of New York. Coaching people about their needs for life insurance proved just as easy as coaching kids on layup shots. Only more profitable. In little more than three years, Bill tripled his income. He is now an assistant manager and expects to earn \$10,000 in 1948.

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Probably the greatest diplomat in the history of the national pastime was Clarence "Pants" Rowland, former American League umpire who is now prexy of the Pacific Coast League. On one memorable occasion, a fellow named Babe Ruth ran from first to third on a hit to deep right. He slid into the bag, safe by a mile. "You're out!" roared Umpire Rowland.

The Babe, furious at such injustice, scrambled to his feet and rushed at the arbiter. "What?" he shouted.

"That was a great slide, Babe," said Rowland, consolingly, as he brushed

off Ruth's uniform. "That was one of the greatest slides I ever saw. I didn't know that you could run bases like that. You're certainly the greatest all-around player in history . . ." and so on for ten minutes.

The chagrined Bambino returned to the bench and Bob Meusel asked, "What did you tell that clown?"

"Tell him?" roared Babe. "What could I tell him while he was brushing off my uniform? All I could do was search my pockets for a dime to tip him."

Here's another great coaching record that will take a lot of beating. H. V. "Ty" Cobb, football coach at Union-Endicott (N.Y.) High School, has won 156 games, lost 40 and tied 9 in 27 years of coaching. What's more, he has had four unbeaten clubs in the past seven years.

Did you ever hear of a scat back who couldn't run the hundred under 10 sec.? Just tune in on any football announcer and sooner or later you'll hear him pop up with: "That boy Joe Blow sure can pick 'em up and lay em down. He can run the hundred under 10 in full football equipment." That's a lot of pastrami, of course. There aren't a half-dozen backs that fast in the game.

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The most amusing exaggeration so far this season was voiced by Red Grange during the All-Star game in Chicago last month. Describing George McAfee, the Bears' speed merchant, Red nonchalantly vouchsafed that "McAfee can do the hundred in 9.4 sec."-which is merely the all-time

world's record.



"Well, here we are, unbeaten, untied and unscored upon—and getting ready for our first game"

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Red, incidentally, did a very nice job in support of chief-announcer Harry Wismer. In fact, we'd have had Red do all the announcing. Wismer has us baffled. He fills the air with an unremitting flow of gab, as he follows the long runs yard by yard: "Young is out in the clear. He's on the 49, 48, 47, 46, 45, 44, 43, 42 (and so on) _AND (screaming) HE'S DOWN ON THE 28!"

Wismer ignores such trivials as formations, how the carrier gets the ball, etc. His main concern is words, and they pour out of him like rain in Pango-Pango. Nevertheless a million sports fans are wild about Harry.

Here's another gem from the pen of our favorite sportswriter, Red Smith, of the N. Y. Herald Tribune:

"For the second time since the dawn of civilization, a saloonful of sports-writers was taken into protective cus-tody yesterday by Miss Mary Mar-garet McBride, the inventor of radio. The occasion was a luncheon celebrat-The occasion was a function celebrateing the emergence of a book called Best Sports Stories, 1947, from its chrysalis over at E. P. Dutton's. Each year Mr. Irving Telemachus Marsh and Mr. Edward Ehre distill the heart's blood of American sportswriters and allow it to coagulate between

"Bribes are given to the three authors whose pieces are deemed to bear the closest resemblance to the English language, and ceremonies de-filing the memory of Guttenberg are broadcast on Miss McBride's chatty

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"Miss McBride, who is a darling if there ever was one, began by scolding the sportswriters for taking what she considers a dim view of her sex. In all their pieces, she protested, the female of the species is pictured either as a villain or a sap. When she said 'sap' she bared her pretty teeth in this direction and mentioned an essay that appeared here following last year's luncheon.

"As a matter of fact, that essay was an expression of awed admiration and devout love for Mary Margaret, but these sentiments must have been

ineptly expressed.

"One member of the radio audience took pen in dishpan hand and wrote that no man who had any respect for his mother would commit such viol-ence upon the noblest creature of our time.

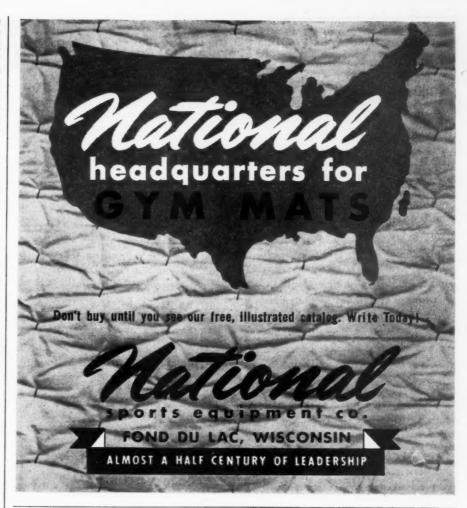
"Anyhow, being interviewed by Mary Margaret is not unlike swim-ming in warm oatmeal. The lady simply opens a conversational dam and washes you onto the air with a flood of chatter against which Johnny Weissmuller would be helpless. After letting you flounder a while, she flicks you to safety with a phrase and in-

undates another victim while you retire stickily to your chair.
"When Mr. Jimmy Cannon, one of the prize winners, was being interviewed he opened and closed his mouth soundlessly a number of times, like a man trying to whistle with a fire hose playing into his face.

"'I feel,' he gasped at length, 'like a comma on this program.'

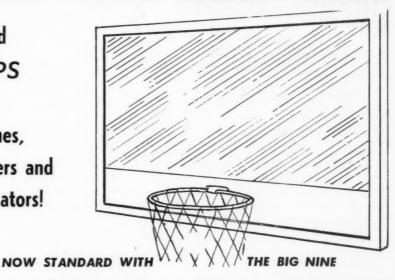
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spirit motivating this column, this is a proposal of marriage to Mary Margaret."



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• TRACK AND FIELD ATHLETICS (Second Edition). By George T. Bresnahan and W. W. Tuttle. Pp. 498. Illustrated—drawings and charts. St. Louis: The C. V. Mosby Co. \$3.25.

BY WAY of commemorating the tenth anniversary of their superlative track text, the crack U. of Iowa team of Bresnahan (coach) and Tuttle (physiology professor) have overhauled their book and brought it up to date.

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The writing and organization of the material are impeccable. In fact, the entire book is a credit to the technical

writing field.

Regarding the revisions: Probably first in importance is the addition of the straddle form to the chapter on high jumping. Also new are several topics dealing with preparations for meets, track and field construction, and the responsibilities of the various

A few items which proved to be more or less obsolete have been deleted, and the subject matter has been rearranged to offer an improved sequence

 PHYSICAL FITNESS APPRAISAL AND GUIDANCE. By Thomas Kirk Cureton. Pp. 558. Illustrated-photographs, tables, charts, and drawings. St. Louis: The C. V Mosby Co. \$6.

STUDENTS and directors of health and physical education have always needed an interpretative book on physical fitness because of the continual flux and confusion existing in the field of testing.

That need is squarely met in this astonishingly exhaustive work by the distinguished educator, Thomas K. Cureton, professor of physical education and director of the physical fitness research laboratory at the U.

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This is the first comprehensive volume on physical fitness predicated on factual experiment, which integrates materials from the physical education field with materials from the literature on physiology, medicine and psychology.

In compiling his impressive 558page volume, Dr. Cureton was assisted by three men from the Colleges of Medicine, Dentistry, and Pharmacy of the U. of Illinois at Chicago-Frederick W. Kasch, John Brown and W. G. Moss. Several other prominent dectors and educators also made significant contributions.

Dr. Cureton points out that 10% of the population is sick enough to receive treatment in the surgical or drug sense. The remaining 90% represent the field for this book.

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The book also contains a detailed summary of data on swimmers at the 1936 Olympics, and includes much other material on top-flight athletes in other sports.

• FOOTBALL SCOUT. Edited by Lew Elverson and C. D. Chesley. Pp. 104. Illustrated-diagrams. Philalelphia: Schoolboy Sports & Co. \$1.50.

THIS book makes available 100 authentic scoring plays used by the greatest college and pro teams over the past decade.

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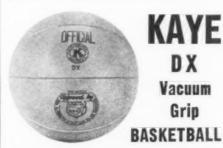
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We leafed through it curiously and, what do you know, smack dab across the bottom of pages 16 and 17, was a series of pole vaulting pictures (Cornelius Warmerdam) lifted right out of Scholastic Coach!

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One of the editorials in Vyayam (pronounced Vyayam) proved unusually interesting in that every word of it could apply to our own physical educators and coaches. Here it is in toto:

"We have repeatedly pointed out in these columns that the salary scales offered for Physical Education teachers are very low, particularly in the Madras Province. Physical Education teachers in certain Provinces like the Punjab for instance are paid decent salaries. It is very urgent that the Education Departments in the other Provinces consider seriously the revision of their salary scales.

"It may be pointed out that there is great discontent among the Physical Education teachers, and because of this discontent many have left the profession. Those who still remain in service show no love or enthusiasm

for their work.

"The other serious problem is that, because the salary scales are not very attractive, it is impossible to get really capable men and women to join the various Physical Education colleges to receive the necessary training. Unless we get the right type of people to join the profession and unless they are also paid decently, the cause of Physical Education is bound to fail in India.

"Physical Education we claim is a "Physical Education we claim is a nation-building activity, but National Physical Fitness cannot be built by a body of unhappy and discontented teachers. While it is true that the men and women in the profession are pledged to this work in a spirit of rendering national service, we cannot expect them to continue to do this work in the same spirit without adework in the same spirit without adequate salaries.

"The National Physical Education Association of India and the various Provincial and State Physical Educarrovincial and State Physical Educa-tion Associations should take up this matter with the Education Depart-ment at the Centre and in the Prov-inces and States and see that the Physical Education Teachers get a decent living wage."



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